

THE WEATHER  
Fair tonight and to-  
morrow; cooler  
tonight

VOLUME V NUMBER 178

# The La Crosse Tribune

LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1908

We guarantee adver-  
tisers most circula-  
tion and best  
Returns

PRICE TWO CENTS

## COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND SETTLING BASINS INSTEAD OF THE RESERVOIR OR FILTER

### DECIDE AGAINST PIER PROPOSITION

WATER UNFAVORABLE FOR USE  
IN BOILERS

### CHEMISTS PASS ON WATER

SAY IT IS OF GOOD QUALITY BUT  
VERY HARD

### EXPERT OPPOSES RESERVOIR

As a Consequence Board of Public  
Works and City Engineer Will  
Favor Settling Tanks

A committee composed of the board of public works and City Engineer Bradish will recommend the establishment of settling tanks as a solution to the city water problem, at the next meeting of the council, it is understood upon good authority, and the plan to establish a concrete pier reservoir in connection with the bridge will be reported unfavorably. Samples of water have been sent to various chemists, taken from the pipes sunk in the bridge pier, and the water is reported as of excellent quality. It could not be used in boilers, however, and an expert brought to La Crosse has recommended that the reservoir system be abandoned. Members of the board of public works refuse to discuss their proposed recommendations, but the foregoing, it is understood will be the essence of their report to the council. Statistics show that everywhere, the cities are obtaining their water from rivers whenever possible. In some places they are even taking the water 30 miles from a river to the city. The board is convinced that the river water is good enough providing it undergoes the proper treatment. In their report to the council at the January meeting the board and the engineer will recommend a settling basin as a remedy for the water situation, it is understood. While this settling basin will cost the city in the neighborhood of \$75,000, it is said to be the best thing that can be provided for obtaining a good quantity of water. In the opinion of the board and the engineer the settling basin will take the place of a filtering plant to a great extent, besides taking from the water a large amount of sand that has been playing havoc with the pump valves and the water meters, subjecting the city to a heavy expense the year around. With a settling basin or reservoir this would all be eliminated say the experts. The report will also point out the imperative need of some remedy that will adequately supply the demands for cleaner and purer water.

### VAGS AND JAGS ARE TURNED LOOSE TODAY

In accordance with the usual custom the police are turning out everyone that is not held on a serious charge on Christmas morning. While a Christmas dinner in the station might be acceptable to some of the vags who have no place to go, the numerous drunks collected last evening, due to the usual celebration on Christmas eve, accepted their freedom with great joy and quickly left the station vowing never to fall off the water wagon again. Dinner at Jail The county jail cast off its usual gloom today and the prisoners are enjoying a Christmas dinner, one of the finest in the land, arranged for the occasion at the direction of Sheriff Chris J. Burns. With but six more days to act as sheriff of La Crosse county Mr. Burns determined to make these the pleasantest of the year for the inmates.

### DEATH THEIR XMAS PRESENT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Instead of a Christmas greeting today, Isadore Hanson, when he left the milk supply at the home of Morris Lukeman, a wealthy grocer, discovered that the whole family consisting of Luke-man, his wife and two children had been asphyxiated. Investigation revealed Lukeman, his wife and two daughters, Anne, 16, and Lillian, 15, dead in their beds, and the room filled with gas. It is supposed that in hanging stockings on the gas fixture one of the girls turned the valve and that the room filled before any of the family awakened to discover it.

### HAINS CASE IS RESUMED SATURDAY

OPENING ARGUMENTS DELAYED  
OVER CHRISTMAS

### LAWYERS HOME FOR X-MAS

Closing Testimony Yesterday After-  
noon Develops Little of Any  
Special Importance

FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 24.—The prosecution in the Hains murder trial rested its case late yesterday. Justice Crane, after a conference with counsel, limited the defense in discussing simply the facts that developed in the trial. This was done to prevent Attorney Joseph Shay from dwelling on the relations between Annis and Mrs. Captain Hains.

Continuing his testimony as to what passed between him and the defendant as to the purchase of Bay-side property, Jesterson, the real estate man, testified that he was working for the Ricketts-Findlay Realty company last spring and summer and met Thornton J. Hains on a Broad-way car in April. He was asked by Hains if he had any water front land and told him that he had at Douglass Manor, Long Island. He declared that he informed Hains if he bought the property suggested it would carry with it the right to membership in the Bayside club.

Hains, he swore, left him declar- ing he would meet him again that afternoon. "But he didn't come," remarked Jesterson. Later he said, on April 25, Hains came to the of- fice to see him, but he, Jesterson, was out. Later he got Hains address and about the middle of May he called on Hains at his home in Bayside. They discussed property but did not reach any agreement. He saw him again a week later, but could not make a sale and had not seen him since.

On the latter visit he met Capt. Hains but did not try to do any busi- ness with him. Jesterson swore he had no future appointments with Thornton Hains and had not communicated with him. McIntyre appealed personally to the court not to make him open his defense yesterday. "I have illness in my home," he said, "and also a fond attachment for my family. I am further badly worn out and want a chance to collect my faculties and get matters in shape. Please give us a chance to get home to our families."

Justice Crane said he would per- mit the opening to go over inasmuch as the state witnesses were not in court, ordering a thirty minutes re- cess, and when the court convened it would be until Saturday.

The Speed of the Gun Bernard Glasser, a firearm expert, swore that the type of revolver with which Annis was killed, required a separate pressure upon the trigger to fire each shot.

"All shells in it may be discharged at will of the shooter," he de- clared.

Glasser tested a 45 automatic for speed last night and fired seven shots in one and four-fifths seconds. Maj. Hains, he declared, fired seven shots from it in one and two-fifths seconds. McIntyre then asked the witness to load the revolver and go into the gallery and discharge it for the bene- fit of the jury.

Couldnt Fire Gun "What's that?" demanded the court, "There will be nothing of that kind in this court."

"But in the Patrick and Buchanan cases such tests were permitted," ar- gued McIntyre.

"Well, I'm running this case," de- clared Crane, "and there will be no such exhibition."

### MRS. DORA SEXTON DIES AT MORRISON

Word was received in the city today announcing the death yesterday of Mrs. Dora Safford Sexton, at Morrison, Ill. Mrs. Sexton was a daughter of Judge Safford and was very well known here. She was the wife of Geo. A. Sexton, a former well known druggist. The body was brought here and the funeral will be held from Miller Brothers' parlors at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

### WEDDING.

Charles Mier of Onalaska was mar- ried to Miss Nellie Moe of that city

## THE OLDEST "GRAND OLD MAN"



### PRESIDENT SOFT IN REPLY TO CALL

WILL NOT "HAND IT TO" THE  
HOUSE IN ANSWER

### SECRET SERVICE RETORT DONE

Document Now in Printer's Hands,  
but While He Has the "Goods"  
Teddy is Using Gloved Hand

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—President Roosevelt's reply to con- gress on the secret service question has been completed and the papers have gone to the public printer under a hurry order, the White house will not commit itself upon the contents of the reply, other than to say that it was one of the easiest tasks the president has ever had to supply the material asked for by the house, in justification of his utterances on the secret service in his annual mes- sage.

There is a possibility that the in- cident may be greatly modified by the president's treatment of it. Al- though he insists that he "has the goods," recent expressions of regret from leading members of the house have gone far toward convincing him that it may be best merely to reit- erate to congress his recent uter- ances, with necessary amplifications and hold back certain material with which he has fortified himself for a bitter fight.

### CLAIMS RUEF JURY WAS INTIMIDATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The announcement of the postponement of sentence in the Ruef case late yes- terday followed the reply by Assist- ant District Attorney O'Gara to the arguments made earlier by Attorney Dozier for Ruef in favor of a post- ponement. Dozier made a stirring address to the court, alleging as a reason for delay that the jury had been intimidated and unquestion- ably influenced by the shooting of Prosecutor Henry. The whole jury which convicted Ruef appeared in court and the defense demanded that they be placed on the stand to testi- fy in support of the charge of inti- midation.

### FATAL WRECK MARS CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLIDAY TOURISTS IN SERIOUS  
SMASH-UP

### SIXTEEN ARE INJURED

Five of Injured May Die and Several  
Are Badly Hurt Near  
Hillsdale, Mich.

HILLSDALE, Mich., Dec. 25.—Six- teen persons were injured, five se- riously, when the southbound Lake Shore and Michigan Southern pas- senger train which left this city at 8:55 last night, crowded with peo- ple bound for points in Indiana to spend the holidays, was wrecked near Pleasant Lake, Ind., about 25 miles south of the state boundary. The seriously injured are: Mrs. John Carpenter, Reading, Mich., back broken, will probably die. Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Pleasant Lake, Ind., shoulders crushed and injured internally. Mrs. Campbell, Pleasant Lake, Ind., internal injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Summerlot, Angola, Ind., hurt internally and both dying. This list of seriously injured is incomplete, it being reported that 16 received hurts which may yet result in death.

### MRS. S. P. WALKER DIES LAST NIGHT

Mrs. S. P. Walker, one of the pioneer residents of the city, died last night at the home of her daughter, Miss Anna E. Hanscome, 243 South Tenth street. She was also a sister of W. B. Hanscome, now of Denver. Funeral arrangements and other details will appear later.

### ASKS STANDARD RECEIVER.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—Applica- tion for receivers for the Standard Oil company of Indiana and the Re- public Oil company will probably be made in this state before the fight to collect the \$150,000 fine assessed against the oil trust on Tuesday, and

### PARIS REPORTERS CODE THE TRAGEDY

FALLIERIES SCANDAL BEING  
SUPPRESSED

### MANY THEORIES OF TRAGEDY

Efforts Being Made to Shield Son of  
President of France in Mys-  
terious Case

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Paris cor- respondents of English and American papers, fearing expulsion from French territory, are today sending out coded tales of the scandal that involved the son of President Fal- lieries and Mme. Astresse in the death of the latter's husband. The latest version is to the effect that Astresse returned home unex- pectedly on the morning of August 2, 1907, and finding his wife in the company of young Fallieries, started a fight which ended in his being shot in the temple.

No one will vouch for either the suicide or murder theory on account of the activity of Premier Clemen- ceau, who has given out a statement in the case refusing to entertain either theory, rather claiming the death as one of "sudden hemorrhage." Another phase of the case upheld by some brings the Steinhell case into the limelight. They claim the As- tresse-Fallieries affair has been un- covered at this time to distract at- tention from the political intrigue that enveloped the Steinhell murder.

### THE TEDDY CHRISTMAS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Christmas was celebrated in the White house today just about as it was in the average American household. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., came from the New England Carpets Works where he is employed; Kermit from Harvard; Archie from Groton and Quentin from the Episcopal high school. The members of the family exchanged presents in the morn- ing. The family will be guests of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles this evening. The family lunch- eon at noon was a quiet affair and without guests.

### SISTER CREATES CEMETERY SCENE

ATTACKS ALLEGED SLAYER OF  
MRS. HOLMES AT GRAVE

### CAUSES DRAMATIC SCENE

Husband and Police Interfere—She  
Faints and Holmes Sobs at  
Grave

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Those who attended the funeral yesterday after- noon of Mrs. Pauline F. Holmes are today discussing the sensational at- tack by the dead woman's sister, Mrs. Louise Westmass, upon the husband, Charles E. Holmes, who is held on the charge of causing his wife's death, being accused of hav- ing knocked her down. Mrs. Westmass savagely attacked Holmes, nearly overturning the cof- fin, but was restrained by a deputy sheriff and her husband, who pleaded that she save her attack for some other time and place. Holmes re- tained his composure during the af- fair, but when finally the woman swooned, he knelt a few minutes be- side the coffin and sobbed audibly. Then he became calm and the ser- vices proceeded.

### GIRL SUICIDES ON DAY OF WEDDING

MUSKOGEE, Ok., Dec. 25.—After coming all the way to this city from her home in the southwestern part of the state, Miss Pearl Plumley is dead here, a suicide, on the day she had expected would be her wedding day.

The girl shot herself last night in desperation, believing she had been jilted by Earl Kinnemann, her fian- ce. The tragedy occurred at the home of Kinnemann's parents. Young Kinnemann could not be found on the girl's arrival. When hours of search failed to reveal her whereabouts the girl went to her room and locked herself in. For two hours she was heard sobbing. A shot was then heard and the girl was found dying. Kinnemann has not yet been found.

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT REIGNSSUPREME IN LA CROSSE'S HOMES

HAPPINESS EXISTS AMONG BOTH  
RICH AND POOR

THIS IS A NOTABLE YEAR

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN WILL  
MAKE IT AN EPOCH

### HUMANE WORK WIDESPREAD

Many Families and Scores of Lone-  
some Little Children Were Made  
to Smile This Morning

This is a notable Christmas. The Red Cross campaign, the charitable work in the city and other conditions not always found have brought happiness into many homes and hearts which might otherwise have been downcast.

Christmas travel is heavy. Trains are loaded with home-comers and express and delivery wagons have been flying in all directions. Thou- sands of dollars, maybe more than a hundred thousand, have been spent to make Christmas memorable in La Crosse. Mail carriers are going about with sleds and wagons and as- sistants. Schools and colleges have poured their hundreds back to the home fireside and the hum of indus- try has been stilled that the one great universal holiday of the year may be properly observed.

La Crosse has taken lead over all other cities except Madison in the sale of Red Cross stamps, which is a matter of congratulation.

In the churches special services are being held, and in the home there are few tables which will not provide the customary turkey din- ner.

The holiday trade has been fine, say the merchants and all are con- tent to spend a quiet day at home.

## EXTRA

### FRENCH PRESIDENT IN FREE FIGHT IN PARIS RESTAURANT

PARIS, Dec. 25.—President Fal- lieries grappled with an assailant in a restaurant in the Place de l'Etoile this morning and sustained severe bruises. Mappis, an insignificant politician, who precipitated the quar- rel, was arrested and confessed to the police that the assault was actuated by political spite.

It was at first reported that an attempt had been made upon the life of the president of France and the gay city was plunged into the great- est excitement.

President Fallieries was the host of a small Christmas party and in the midst of the feast he was set up- on by the frantic Mappis.

The assailant clutched the presi- dent's flowing beard and both men fell to the floor in locked embrace.

Gendarmes attracted to the spot by the screaming woman separated the combatants after both had suffered severe bruises and Mappis was hur- ried away to the chambers of the prefect of police, where he confessed responsibility for the brawl.

### CLAIMS WILL BE HEARD SATURDAY

A meeting of the claims commit- tee of the county board has been called for tomorrow by the chair- man. No special business other than that of allowing the various bills will be taken up at the meeting.

### WEATHER FORECAST



Weather Report: Fair tonight and Saturday, no decided change in temperature.



## Sports of all Sorts



### OREGONS SEEKING MATCHES IN CITY

BASKETBALL CHAMPS WANT GAMES IN LA CROSSE

### COMPANY B MAY TAKE THEM

Next Month May See Fastest Exhibition of Basketball Ever Witnessed in La Crosse

The Oregons, of Dallas, Oregon, for two years basketball champions of the entire Pacific coast, are making arrangements through their advance agent, Mr. H. B. Stout, for a game in this city with Co. B or the picked Y. M. C. A. team. The Oregons are at present playing a series of three games with the Y. M. C. A. team of Billings, Montana, and have games scheduled with the Hotcombs and Co. B of Minneapolis, the Stillwater, Hudson and Red Wing teams before they can take on a game here. This team has already defeated all teams of importance in Oregon, Washington, California and the entire far northwest and are at present on a tour which will be completed on January 20, when they play the Buffalo Germans at Buffalo, Ohio, for the championship of the world.

The team lines up as follows: Fenton, Reed and Rice, forwards; Tracy, Savary and Ned Shaw, guards; and E. Shaw, center.

It will be remembered that this team caused the Red Men's only defeat two years ago and in a game with the Muscatine, Iowa, five, E. Shaw, their center, shot three baskets against Lyllybridge, who was at that time considered the best center in the country.

In case the team comes here next month, basketball fans of the city

### BURNS IS FAVORITE OVER JACK JOHNSON

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION ON LONG SIDE OF BETTING

### ADVANCE SALE TREMENDOUS

The Sale of Tickets Points Toward Receipt of \$60,000, One of the Largest Ever Taken In

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 25.—In spite of the colored man's superior height, weight and cleverness, Tommy Burns, world's champion, will enter the ring with Jack Johnson in their fight for the world's championship, a ten to seven favorite. Although Tommy's record includes the pick of the lemon crop in England and Australia, he has evidently made a better impression on the public than his opponent and it is estimated that over \$200,000 will be wagered on the contest. Each man is confident of victory, and the fight has aroused so much interest that when the principals enter the ring at 11 a. m. Saturday, it is expected that over 30,000 persons will be in the arena.

"Johnson will be looking for a soft spot to stretch out in before the fight has gone many rounds. He has been saying that I am the yellow man of the combination, but you can bet all that you have that the only yellow that will be in the ring will be the colored man totes with him. I don't think he will last ten rounds. As for myself I was never better than I am now and feel in shape to lick Jeffries."

The above statement by Burns

will have the opportunity to witness the fastest game ever played here.

shows the little fighter's confidence. But Johnson's optimism in regard to the outcome is equally as great. "You can tell my friends that I will lick Burns as sure as he keeps his nerve and gets into the ring," said the big fellow. "He never was a fighter and got to the top by whipping a lot of dead ones. I had an awful chase to get him but am satisfied now, and will give him the lacing of his life."

Inability to come to an agreement in the selection of a referee became so serious that for a time it looked as though the fight would be called. After a three days' deadlock, the principals finally agreed today on Hugh McIntosh.

The advance sale of tickets is tremendous, and it is estimated that the receipts will be over \$60,000.

### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

### LUMLEY MAY "BOSS" BROOKLYN DODGERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Harry Lumley may manage the Brooklyn Dodgers next season. That's the way it looks now, for President Ebbets wants a manager who will be in the game every day and Lumley seems to be his choice.

It is certain that Donovan's successor as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers will not be a bench ornament. At the same time President Ebbets says no steps will be taken by him to acquire until after Jan. 1, and that tales that he had engaged a manager were fabrications.

Ebbets' announcement that his team would be bossed by a man who is to play every day puts out of consideration for the position Jack Dunn and Bill Dahlen, for neither of these athletes is likely to be able to stand the pace of the National league race. Dunn is a comparatively young man, but he was not good enough as a private for John McGraw four years ago and has gone back rather than improved since he has been in the Eastern league.

### The Objection.

There is a young woman as sweet as can be, Who lives upon nothing save virtues and tea.

Yes, virtues and tea are the chief of her diet— But she says it's so dry you would better not try it.

—Bohemian.

### The Stomach Does Not Cause Dyspepsia

Neither Will It Cure It Because The Lack of Gastric Juices Prohibit Relief.

The stomach is a strong, powerful organ, which is composed of muscles of great strength. It is filled during digestion with gastric juices which, when the stomach, extending and compressing the food, dissolve it and separate the nourishment from the waste matter. If, however, these gastric juices are lacking the stomach is not capable of digesting its food because it has not the tools with which to work successfully.

The gastric juices when in a perfect state do away with all foul odors, fermentation, and decay, reduce the food to a disintegrated mass and the stomach then presses it into the intestines where another form of digestion takes place. Then the intestines take from this mass of food all that is nourishing and give it to the blood. The waste matter is thrown from the system.

If instead of nourishment the intestines receive impure deposits combined with a poisonous and imperfect gastric juice, it can be readily seen that they must turn such imperfect nourishment into the blood. The blood then being unable to give each part of the body that which it requires, becomes impoverished and disease is spread broadcast.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets corrects such a condition at once. If the gastric juices are lacking and imperfect these tablets do their work just the same. They build up the elements in the juice which are lacking and remove those elements which cause disturbance.

Meat, grains, fluids, vegetables and delicacies, in fact each portion of a large meal have been placed in a glass vial and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have digested them to a perfect fluid just as a healthy stomach would do.

A large complex, hearty meal holds no terrors for a dyspeptic if Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are used. Abnormal eating, late dinners, rich foods cause ill effects to the stomach, but when Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are used one may eat when and what one will without danger of dyspepsia or discomfort.

Forty thousand physicians endorse and prescribe Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and every druggist carries them in stock, price 50c. Send us your name and address and we will send you at once by mail a sample package free. Address, F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

### KETCHEL NOT TO MEET KELLEY YET

SAYS HE DON'T NEED TO FIGHT HUGO AGAIN

### IS THE PICTURE OF HEALTH

Weights 185 and May Go After Burns if He Defeats Johnson in Coming Battle

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Stanley Ketchel has no present intention of boxing Hugo Kelly. This was evidenced when the middleweight champion passed through the city on his way to Grand Rapids for his Christmas vacation.

"What's the use of meeting Kelly?" he asked. "I've knocked him out once and no purse is going to be hung up that would justify me in training for weeks for such a match. I may not meet Sam Langford, either. Personally, I am willing to box him, but Joe O'Connor, my manager, objects to such a bout. So it don't seem as if we would get together."

Ketchel seemed the picture of health, but was far above weight.

"I scale 185 pounds, right now," he said, "and it is getting hard for me to make the middleweight limit. I may go after Burns in case he puts Johnson away. I ought to box at about 165 pounds. I have been taking things easily, however, and can cut off some weight in case I want to get down to the limit again."

"The bout with Papke, which was set for about this time is called off. If I am to box again, I would prefer Milwaukee as the site. In spite of the big houses on the coast, a good bout will draw more in Milwaukee."

"Jimmy Coffroth and Tom McCarey, as well as Jim Jeffries, have offered bouts to me with Kelly as an opponent. The bout might pay. On my way back I may stop and talk to Kelly about the matter. At present I intend to take a rest."

### SHRUBB TO RUN AGAINST THREE MEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Alfred Shrubbs signed an agreement to run a twelve mile race against a relay

A Merry Xmas to you.

Have you got your order in for a Suit or Overcoat?

If not, do it right now.

Our tailors are all busy and the tremendous business we are doing will necessitate a speedy withdrawal of our money-saving Red, Yellow and Green Tag Sale.

Pay \$5 down and we'll give you thirty days in which to take the clothes.

**Scotch Woollen Mills Co.**  
BIG TAILORS

324 Main St. La Crosse.

## "Shout the Glad Tidings—Exultingly Sing!"

For where in all the world is there a nation richer, more righteous, or happier than ours?

And with the coming of 1909 America is surely destined to see the dawn of a new era of business confidence and boundless abundance.

And what will be the creative power and driving force behind this certain prosperity?

Will it not be the immortal spirit of Human Freedom, the eternal principle upon which this mighty Republic was founded?

Therefore, let us be joyful—let us eat and drink of the good things of the earth—let us toast "Merry Xmas" and the glad New Year in bumper glasses of

**Gund's Peerless Beer**

"The Beer That Makes the World Smile With You"

Throughout the Northwest it will cheer the arriving and departing guests in more homes than all other beers. Beer is essentially the drink of the great civilized nations—in heathen lands it is practically unknown.

Should Your Grocer or Dealer Not Carry PEERLESS in Stock Please Telephone Us.

Bottled Only at the Brewery

**JOHN GUND BREWING COMPANY**  
LA CROSSE, WIS.

TREAT YOUR HOLIDAY GUESTS ROYALLY  
SERVE PEERLESS

BOOKLET AND PRICES UPON REQUEST.



of the three best middle distance men now in the business, the latter to go four miles each, at Madison Square Garden. So that the very best possible trio of runners may be obtained to meet the famous little Englishman, the management of the race is going to leave the selection of these men to the public, and invites suggestions as to the makeup of the combination. A five mile professional handicap will be an added feature.

### HARRY PULLIAM TO PATCH RUPTURE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—President Murphy of the Chicago Cubs is going to get a nice Christmas present for Harry Pulliam, president of the National league, as soon as the latter can reach Chicago. The package will be in the shape of a peace offering from Manager Frank Chance. In fact it is almost a direct statement from Chance that he will be on hand in the spring and lend his grandest efforts to win another championship for the west side of

the city by the lake. Though Pulliam only laughs when asked about the Chance matter, he evidently feels well satisfied that the leader of the world's champions is only showing a boyish streak when he picks a fight with the principal owner of the team to which he is under contract.

### SAYS GOTCH IS BETTER.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 25.—Gus Schoenlein (Americus), who has met both Gotch and the Turk on the mat, speaks of the return of Gotch to America to wrestle Mahmout as follows:

"It would be one of the best bouts in the history of the mat, and I do not think I could pick a winner. Mahmout is the quickest and strongest big man I ever have seen. At footwork I think he has something on Gotch, but down on the mat the American looks better to me. Although Mahmout has ample endurance, as he proved with me, I like Gotch's chances. Gotch and Mahmout are now the world's greatest wrestlers and a contest between them would furnish even greater excitement than that between Gotch and Hackenschmidt."

Read Tribune want ads.

### SANTA SURPRISED AT SIZE OF LITTLE GIRL'S STOCKING





## THE LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

Published Every Afternoon Except Sunday, at  
501-503 South Fifth St., La Crosse, Wis.

A Newspaper For the People

A. M. Brayton F. H. Burgess W. V. Kiddle  
Editor & Pub. Business Mgr. City Editor

Daily by Carrier ..... \$5.00 per year  
Daily by Mail ..... \$2.00 per year

Entered as Second-class Matter June 25, 1904,  
at the Postoffice at La Crosse, Wis., under the  
Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

The Tribune is a Member of the Lee Newspa-  
per Syndicate.

Both Phones | Business Office 338-1  
Editorial Dept. 338-2

Special Representatives: Payne & Young,  
Chicago, 505 Marquette Building; La Crosse &  
Marshall, 45 W. 34th St., New York City.

THE TRIBUNE is the only news-  
paper in La Crosse that has ever  
submitted to an investigation of its  
circulation by an actuary.

THE TRIBUNE's published circula-  
tion statement is verified and  
vouched for by THE ASSOCIATION  
OF AMERICAN ADVERTISERS and  
by THE BLUE BOOK of A. A. Slever.

The Association of American  
Advertisers (New York City) has  
examined and certified to the circulation  
of this publication. Only the figures of  
circulation contained in its report are  
guaranteed by the Association.

No. 148

Our November Daily  
Average was ..... 7,433

THE LA CROSSE TRIBUNE  
Sworn Detailed Circulation for the  
Month of November, 1908.

1-Sunday 6-Mon 7,540  
2-Mon 7,219 17-Tues 7,532  
3-Tues 7,197 18-Wed 7,533  
4-Wed 7,230 19-Thurs 7,520  
5-Thurs 7,245 20-Fri 7,520  
6-Fri 7,246 21-Sat 7,515  
7-Sat 7,246 22-Sunday 7,525  
8-Sunday 23-Mon 7,525  
9-Mon 7,350 24-Tues 7,510  
10-Tues 7,345 25-Wed 7,518  
11-Wed 7,480 26-Thurs 7,520  
12-Thurs 7,468 27-Fri 7,510  
13-Fri 7,490 28-Sat 7,524  
14-Sat 7,523 29-Sunday 7,514  
15-Sunday 30-Mon 7,514

Total number of papers  
printed ..... 185,822

Average each issue for  
November, 1908 ..... 7,433  
Extra Sample Copies not included.

I, Frank H. Burgess, business  
manager of the La Crosse Tribune,  
do solemnly swear that the actual  
number of copies of the paper nam-  
ed, printed and circulated during  
the month of November, 1908, was as  
above stated.

FRANK H. BURGESS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this thirty-first day of November,  
1908.

A. E. BLECKMAN,  
Notary Public

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Merry Christmas!

One may give utterance to this  
sentence in La Crosse without fear  
of having a "stake of holly" driven  
"through his heart."

In fact, La Crosse has earned its  
"Merry Christmas." It has made  
good as a civic organization. It has  
signalized a year encumbered by the  
tail end of a retreating financial  
panic and a presidential election by  
taking great strides in municipal  
matters.

The progress made has been of two  
sorts—(1) the authorization of ma-  
terial improvements, (2) the crea-  
tion of a harmonious unit of public  
sentiment favorable to the prosecu-  
tion of civic betterment plans.

The greatest single demonstration  
of both is the solid sentiment shown  
for park building, and the actual  
foundation of that work by adminis-  
trative action supported by public  
approval.

It was also shown in the unanimi-  
ty which La Crosse took hold of the  
great work of initiating and finan-  
cing the movement for the eradica-  
tion of tuberculosis. "La Crosse has  
done the best work, everything con-  
sidered, of any city in Wisconsin,"  
wrote Manager Douglass to Dr.  
Evans yesterday, commenting upon  
the Red Cross crusade. It was a  
fine demonstration of the way our  
people can get together in a common  
cause, and the way they are going  
always to do it in the future. We  
have adopted the slogan of our pro-  
gressive German-American citizens  
and made it the motto of the entire  
city—we are going to "together  
sticken."

But the thing that is most perti-  
nent to this subject is what we have  
done for the cause of charity. This  
year, as never before, we have taken  
care of our poor. The Catholic  
benevolent societies have done their  
usual good work—unusual as com-  
pared to the work in many cities—  
and have provided for the wants of  
their dependents in a systematic and  
logical method. Other church or-  
ganizations have done good work.  
The activity through these channels  
has been commendable.

But to a greater extent than ever  
before have the people of La Crosse  
joined hands in a creedless cam-  
paign to provide for the needy. The  
great class of poor folk whose af-

filiation with no churches leaves  
them to suffer without the knowl-  
edge of the church societies has been  
reached as never before. The call of  
the Humane society for aid was  
heard by sympathetic ears, and cloth-  
ing, provisions, money and presents  
came in abundance. The generosity  
shown was surprising, and came  
from every section of the city and  
every class and condition of society.

Merchants were prominent among  
the contributors, giving with a free-  
dom and singleness of purpose which  
was indeed inspiring. Humane Of-  
ficer Barry declares that the aid  
tendered the society this year is  
greater in quantity and substantiality  
than that given in any previous year  
by a wide margin. For a week he  
has been flying from home to home,  
hovel to hut, among the poor of the  
city, bringing joy and comfort to  
scores of people.

And so we say that in La Crosse  
"Merry Christmas" has this year a  
broader, loftier and more generous  
meaning than ever before. The ameni-  
ty is glorified by good deeds  
and a kindly spirit, and it is with  
reverence that we speak it now to all  
our readers:

Merry Christmas!

ANTIQUITY OF THE DOLL.

"Who played with the first doll?"  
asks Laura Strar in "The Doll Book,"  
Outing Magazine. "How was it fash-  
ioned? When and where was it born?"  
are questions easily asked but not so  
easily answered.

"We must search the archives of  
the past, we must go to buried Egypt,  
to pagan Rome, to India, the won-  
derland of the world. As far back  
as documentary evidence, or legend,  
or myth will carry us we find dolls;  
no recorded history goes back to the  
time when there were no dolls.

"They are found in the sanctuary  
of the pagan, in the tombs of the  
dead; pictured in quaint and some-  
times awkward lines in plaster and  
stone that have withstood the ele-  
ments for thousands of years.

"Since time was they have been,  
apparently, the presiding deity of the  
hearthstone and the cradle. Most  
people would subscribe to the popu-  
lar theory that the mother impulse  
is so strong in every child that she  
must have some object upon which  
to lavish her childish affection, and  
that the most natural object is a doll  
built on somewhat the same lines as  
the baby brother or sister or some  
of the "grown ups" of the family.

"I have gathered the opinions of  
various early and classic writers, all  
of which seem to me to point to the  
fact that the doll, as the image of a  
human or superhuman creature was  
first used, as so many other articles  
and customs were, in religious cere-  
monies, probably in India, perhaps  
in Egypt, possibly in China.

"That dolls were common in the  
time of Moses is certain, for we read  
that in those sarcophagi, which are  
frequently exhumed in Egypt, there  
have been found beside the poor lit-  
tle mummies pathetically comical  
little imitations of themselves, placed  
there by loving mothers, within reach  
of the cold little baby fingers.

"In 'Ave Roma Immortals,' Mar-  
tion Crawford speaks of children's  
dolls of centuries ago, made of rags  
and stuffed with the waste from their  
mother's spindles and looms. He also  
tells of effigies of bullrushes, which  
the pontiffs and vestals came to  
throw into the Tiber from the  
Sublician bridge on the Ides of May.

"When Heruleum was being  
excavated, there was found the fig-  
ure of a little girl with a doll clasp-  
ed in her arms so tightly that not  
even death could divide them."

A MEASLY TRICK

(Kansas City Star.)

A Kansas City boy told the teacher  
that his sister had the measles. The  
teacher sent him home and told  
him to stay there until his sister got  
well. After he had skipped joyfully  
away another boy held up his hand  
and said: "Teacher, Jimmy Dolan's  
sister what's got the measles lives in  
Omaha."

DULL SEASON

(Everybody's Magazine.)

Two men met on the street. They  
hadn't seen each other for months.  
One of them had a wife who occa-  
sionally figured in the society col-  
umns. After they had exchanged  
views on things in general, the other  
man asked him—"Is your wife en-  
tertaining this winter?" "Not very,"  
said he.

The Higher the Better.

Mrs. Jean Cuneo, the superb racing  
automobilist, of New York, told the  
other day of a cheap car:

"It may be all right, but—you  
know how we all feel about cheap-  
ness, eh?"

"My doctor recently told me how  
he once sought out a dealer and said:  
"I want to buy a pair of good  
carriage horses—a good pair, you  
know—price not stiff."

"Well, of course, sir," said the  
dealer, "to find horses—nothing eas-  
ier. The world is full of horses. But  
as far as price goes—well, you can  
have 'em at all prices, sir, just like  
doctors."—Washington Star.

## SPOTLIGHTS

Novel on the Stage.

In the stage production of "Quin-  
cy Adams Sawyer" the essential fea-  
tures of Charles Felton Pidgin's fa-  
mous New England novel of the  
same name have been followed and  
they are said to have been handled  
to extremely clever advantage. It is  
a distinctly enjoyable piece, both in  
itself and in the ingeniously natural  
work of the people presenting it.  
The production is to be seen here at  
the La Crosse theatre commencing  
with matinee today, and by the way  
is the same in every detail of scenic  
production and cast as seen during  
the New York run recently at the  
Academy of Music. There is a laugh  
almost everywhere despite the tender  
seriousness pertaining to Alice Pet-  
tengill's pathetic figure as the much  
loved blind girl and to her value as  
the central feature of the love story.  
It is a most entertaining picture of  
rural life, and presented on quite a  
different plan from any other baculic  
drama. Its features and typical  
characters are said to be exception-  
ally well presented.

"The Man From Home."

Sometimes extracts from the  
speeches and dialogue in a play can  
give a very accurate idea of the qual-  
ity of the play itself, from the stand-  
point of quaint humor, and "The  
Man From Home," which appears  
at the La Crosse theatre Tuesday,  
Dec. 29 is no exception to the rule.  
Following are some of the sayings  
of Daniel Voorhees Pike:

"Folks out our way is neigh-  
bors."

"If I ate caviar, and the boys  
back home found it out, I'd never  
get back to the legislature."

"There's just as many kinds of  
people in Kokomo as there are in  
Pekin."

"You say we have no leisure  
class? Well, no. But we've got a  
pretty good-sized colored popula-  
tion."

"For architecture and public build-  
ings, I wouldn't trade our state in-  
sane asylum for the worst ruined  
ruin in Europe sir, not for hygienic  
and real comfort."

Rivals.

Eleanor, aged 4, was given pen-  
nies for Sunday school. Upon her  
return from Sunday school mamma  
discovered she still held her pennies.

"Why did you not give your pen-  
nies to the teacher?" she was asked.

"Teacher said the money was for  
Jesus, and I thought I'd keep mine  
for gum."—Dellenator.

## IMPORTANT COURT DECISIONS

CHANGE OF IDENTITY OF BAR-  
ROOM.—Ordinance of New Orleans  
prohibit the establishment of bar-  
rooms "within 300 feet of a church,"  
but provide that such places not hav-  
ing changed their identity since their  
establishment shall not be disturbed.  
In *Graziano vs. City of New Orleans*,  
46 Southern Reporter, 566, it ap-  
peared that a barroom which had  
been operated prior to the estab-  
lishment of a church 300 feet away  
had been rendered unfit for occu-  
pancy by fire. The church, seeking to  
have the license revoked, protested  
that closing for repairs had changed  
its identity, and that it was situated  
within 300 feet of a church, but the  
supreme court of Louisiana held that  
the identity of the building was not  
changed by reason of the facts stat-  
ed.

HANDSOME IS AS HANDSOME  
DOES.

(Everybody's Magazine.)

Augustus Thomas, the playwright,  
told in a recent speech of a hunting  
trip he had taken in the south. They  
were after "coons and possums, but  
the only trail the dogs struck was  
one which made them turn their tails  
between their legs and turn for home.

"Just what does a polecat look  
like?" Mr. Thomas asked one of his  
negro guides.

"A polecat, boss? Why, a pole-  
cat's somethin' like a kitten, only  
prettier. Yes, a polecat's a heap pret-  
tier'n a kitten, ain't it, Sam?" he  
said, turning to another negro for  
corroboration.

"Well," he replied, scratching his  
wool, "its always been hand conten-  
tion dat handsome is as handsome  
does."

## TELEPHONE TACT

(Boston Record.)

One of the best tests of a man's  
versatility and cleverness in handling  
the English language is to have him  
called on the telephone to engage  
in some private talk at a time when  
he has in his office some person who  
he would prefer should not hear the  
conversation. Of course, no man need  
apologize for keeping from his vis-  
itor the subject of details of the con-  
versation. But it is mighty interest-  
ing to observe how cleverly they  
frame in words questions and an-  
swers and while the persons on the  
wire are getting and giving infor-  
mation everything is vague to the  
visitor.

## Weminine Philosophy.

Jones—Why can't a woman keep a  
secret?

Smith—For one of two reasons—  
either it is not worth keeping or else  
it is too good to keep.—Judge.

## The Office Boy Instructs.

Contributor—I should like to leave  
these poems with your editor. What  
is the usual procedure? I haven't  
done any magazine work before.

Office Boy—Yell, the usual custom  
is to leave 'em an' call back in a day  
or so—and git 'em.—New York Her-  
ald.

QUIPS AND CRANKS  
AND WANTON WILES

The Pessimist

Gloves that don't fit,  
Ties I can't wear;  
Books poorly writ,  
Smokes I won't dare  
To offer a friend;  
Much less truck;  
Is what they'll send,  
That is my luck.

Slippers that squeak,  
Half hose that fade,  
A flask that will leak,  
And a vest of brocade  
So loud it can yell,  
O, I'll make a bet .....  
That I can foretell  
What I'm going to get,  
A pipe that won't draw  
And cuff links of plate  
That somebody saw  
And thought they were great,  
A pessimist? True,  
I'll admit I am that;  
And I'll wager a son,  
That I get a green hat.  
—Detroit Free Press.

He Wanted Revenge

Johnny astonished the family in  
the country one day by announcing  
that he wanted to go home.

"What's that?" demanded his  
father. "Want to go home?"

"Yep," maintained the boy.

"Well, that's very funny. It wasn't  
two days ago that you were begging  
us to stay on this farm until Octo-  
ber. Are you sick?"

"Nope."

"Got the blues?"

"Nope."

"Toothache?"

"Nope."

"Mad because your mother won't  
let you go swimming?"

"Nope."

"Ah! I think I understand," said  
his father with a chuckle. "I hap-  
pened to see you at the school."  
—New York Herald.

## Weminine Philosophy.

Jones—Why can't a woman keep a  
secret?

Smith—For one of two reasons—  
either it is not worth keeping or else  
it is too good to keep.—Judge.

## The Office Boy Instructs.

Contributor—I should like to leave  
these poems with your editor. What  
is the usual procedure? I haven't  
done any magazine work before.

Office Boy—Yell, the usual custom  
is to leave 'em an' call back in a day  
or so—and git 'em.—New York Her-  
ald.

THE  
FORBIDDEN  
ROAD

BY MARIA ALBANESI

(Copyrighted 1907.)

"Thanks. No, I won't have tea.  
I have had some already—two cups,  
and I must not stay more than two  
minutes. I have some news for  
you," she announced. "Agnes has  
come up with me; I simply refused  
to leave Yelverton without her. And  
she only wanted an excuse to come."  
Camilla laughed as she sank into a  
chair. "You have not an idea what  
a scene of excitement there was at  
my house when we arrived! My  
children simply adore Agnes, and she  
adores them. And oh, Mr. Haver-  
ford, I am charged with all sorts of  
messages to you! Betty and Baby  
are enchanted with your locket and  
intend wearing them always, but,  
please, you must give them a pic-  
ture of yourself to put inside; that  
is what they say."

There was a little pause.

Camilla let her sables slip from  
her shoulders on to her arms. She  
had come there with a distinct pur-  
pose, a purpose which was bound  
about with the iron of most pressing  
fear and necessity.

True to her nature however, she  
was not going to speak frankly.

"I can't," she said to herself; "I  
absolutely can't!"

Haverford was standing by the  
fire.

The scent of her violets, the be-  
wildering entrancement of her pre-  
sence, made him dreamy.

How changed the room was!

The house was full of treasures—  
pictures, tapestries, bronzes, inanim-  
ate things which had cost thou-  
sands—but everything was as noth-  
ing compared with this living,  
breathing, beautiful woman.

How far more beautiful than all  
the rest she was!

"I shall be photographed on pur-  
pose," he roused himself to say; and  
then pulled himself together with a  
great effort. "You want me?" he  
queried. "I am only too delighted  
to do any little thing for you, Mrs.  
Lancing. Pray let me know what I  
can do!"

Camilla got up and moved about  
a little aimlessly. She gave a sigh.

"Oh! Well I had better warn  
you... it's rather a big favour, really,  
quite an enormous one," she said.

"And now that I am here, I... I  
feel nervous, horribly nervous!"  
Indeed, her voice broke a little.

"Don't be afraid," said Haver-  
ford.

She caught her breath, and stead-  
ied her nerves. There was such  
kindness in his voice it gave her en-  
couragement.

"Well, I have come to you be-  
cause a dear friend of mine is in  
great trouble, Mr. Haverford," she  
said. "When I got home this after-  
noon I found a letter waiting for me.  
You know!" said Camilla. She had  
moved to the door, and he opened  
it. They passed out into the wide  
corridor. "The fact is a man's taste  
is always so much better than a wo-  
man's," she chattered on restlessly.  
"It is really a most absurd idea to  
suppose that a house must have a  
woman in it. . . . For the best of  
us will persist in filling our rooms  
with rubbish. Do you know, to this  
day I have the greatest difficulty in  
denying myself the joys of Japanese  
fans on the walls, and art muslin  
draperies and curtains? Oh!" she  
said suddenly, "I quite forgot to ask  
you; how is your mother? I hope  
she is better."

"I hope she is," said Rupert, "but  
I have not seen her. She has gone  
to Paris. My half-brother is ill."

He went with her to the entrance  
door, and himself put her into the  
cab that was waiting.

She stretched out her hand just  
before starting.

"I must try and say thank you,"  
she said nervously, "but it is not  
easy to say. I shall send . . . this  
. . . on to my friend at once. You  
will have the consciousness of know-  
ing you have made one person very  
happy tonight, Mr. Haverford! A  
delight! May we dine late? . . . I  
have such a full day tomorrow. . . .  
Good-night. . . ."

(To Be Continued)



MISS LOUISE BEAUDET IN "THE MAN FROM HOME"

He signed a blank cheque, and  
slipped it into an envelope.

As he turned and held this out to  
her, Camilla Lancing gave a little  
shiver. She looked at him without  
taking the envelope.

"Oh!" she murmured, "I . . . what  
can I say. How good . . . how good.  
I came . . . on . . . on the impulse  
of the moment, not because you have so  
much . . . but because I . . . felt . . .  
I feel you are so glad to—to help  
any one but . . ."

"Why should there be any 'but'?"  
he asked, not very steadily; "by this  
time I hope you know that I hold it  
one of my greatest pleasures, as it is  
certainly an honour, to serve you  
whenever you will permit me to do  
so. Will you remember this al-  
ways?"

Camilla bit her lip again, and then  
put out her hand.

Haverford bent over it, held it a  
moment in a firm grip. Then as  
though yielding to some overwhelm-  
ing temptation, stooped and kissed  
it. Her hand was kissed at least  
once or twice a day on the average,  
but Rupert Haverford had never be-  
fore permitted himself this old-fash-  
ioned and gracious sign of homage.

It was with him an expression of  
something far, far deeper than mere  
courtesy to a very delightful and  
very pretty woman. She divined this  
instantly, and her heart began to  
beat nervously. As he released her  
hand she pulled her sables about her  
and prepared to go. She was eager  
now to be away from him. The ex-  
pression of his face troubled her.  
She had chafed almost angrily at his  
silence, his self-repression, yet now  
that she knew he would speak, she  
dreaded to hear his words.

A thousand jarring feelings thrilled  
her.

Though there had been many mo-  
ments recently when he had appeal-  
ed to her physically, when, indeed,  
she had frankly admired him, in this  
moment she felt almost as though  
she hated him.

It was a sensation which she could  
not define, which she would have  
found practically impossible to ex-  
plain to another person, but it was  
very real, very oppressive.

She crushed the envelope he had  
given her in her hand, and hid it in  
her big muff; then she began speak-  
ing gaily.

"What are you doing tonight?"  
she asked. "You are engaged. Oh,  
I am so sorry! I thought that per-  
haps you would have taken Agnes  
and me to dinner somewhere. We  
have no engagement; but never  
mind, we can do that another night."

"Will you dine with me to-mor-  
row?" he asked. "He too, was some-  
what nervous. He had the gift of slipping  
into a seeming indifference. Her  
easy, everyday manner separated  
them once again, brought back with  
a rush the old uncertainty, the old  
unrest.

She laughed.

"Oh! delightful! And let us dine  
here, do, please. I simply adore this  
house, and I want Agnes to see it.  
You know, you have always hap-  
pened to be away when she has been  
in town. How enchanting every-  
thing is! No matter where one looks  
one sees something that is perfect of  
its kind . . . and that is not what one  
can say of every magnificent house,  
you know!" said Camilla. She had  
moved to the door, and he opened  
it. They passed out into the wide  
corridor. "The fact is a man's taste  
is always so much better than a wo-  
man's," she chattered on restlessly.  
"It is really a most absurd idea to  
suppose that a house must have a  
woman in it. . . . For the best of  
us will persist in filling our rooms  
with rubbish. Do you know, to this  
day I have the greatest difficulty in  
denying myself the joys of Japanese  
fans on the walls, and art muslin  
draperies and curtains? Oh!" she  
said suddenly, "I quite forgot to ask  
you; how is your mother? I hope  
she is better."

"I hope she is," said Rupert, "but  
I have not seen her. She has gone  
to Paris. My half-brother is ill."



# THE COMPLETE NEWS OF THE NORTH SIDE TODAY

## THE LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

NORTH SIDE OFFICE  
311 ROSE ST.  
E. F. STANTON, Manager  
G. F. SCHWENGER, Editor  
NEW PHONE 70-1  
North Side Advertising and News handled  
from this office.

## FOUND IN CAR IN A POOL OF BLOOD

EXPRESS MESSENGER ONLY  
HALF CONSCIOUS ARRIVES

## HE FELL AGAINST A TRUNK

Sudden Jolt of Train Near Salem  
Threw J. Shimmel Against Sharp  
Corner and Pierced His Side

Lying in a pool of blood between some boxes in a car, J. Shimmel, U. S. express messenger, was found last evening when the Milwaukee evening passenger train pulled in. At first it was thought that the messenger had been held up, because when he was found he was lying in a semi-unconscious condition. Later it was found that when the train made a quick stop at West Salem the messenger stumbled and fell on a sharp corner of a box. It struck him just below the heart, breaking a rib and inflicting a severe gash. He was immediately removed to the hospital where it was found that his injuries are not serious. Shimmel said that he had been preparing to spend Christmas at home, but that will be impossible. Another messenger took his trip to Minneapolis.

## NORTHSIDE IN BRIEF

16 inch edgings for kindling, \$5.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones, 231.

Mrs. William Kennedy of Rose street was taken to the St. Francis hospital yesterday for an operation. Miss Myrtle Landis of St. Paul is here to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. J. Rathjoun, 1006 Berlin street, has left for Sparta, where she will spend the holidays.

Floyd Sterling of Ferryville, Wis., is visiting with friends and relatives on the North side during the holidays.

All pine slabs at \$5.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones, 231.

Miss Cuba Canaan of Hurley is home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Bobbie Whiting has left for Milwaukee where he will spend the holidays with relatives.

A 12 o'clock service was held at the Syrian church this morning. Miss Lars Hansen of Spring Grove is here spending the holidays with relatives on the North side.

Miss Inga Ingelsted of Houston is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Jensen of Charles street, during the holidays.

## QUIET CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt and his children are planning to spend a quiet Christmas in the White house, the seventh and probably the last time.

The entire family, including Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth will be at the White house on Christmas day. The members will exchange gifts during the morning. In the afternoon President and Mrs. Roosevelt will probably go for a horseback ride in the suburbs. They may spend a day or two at the Pine Knot cottage before New Year's.

## CRYSTAL VALLEY

Mr. Francis J. Kelley arrived home Thursday to spend Christmas with his folk on Union Ridge. Frank has been working at Evelett, Minn. John Sandon gave a bee Wednesday and had all his cord wood hauled to Mound Prairie. He expects to ship it west.

Thomas Murry is hauling bailed hay to thealedonia markets. Jergen Jergenson took a load of wood to Caledonia Thursday morning.

Henry and Jergen Halverson were callers at Caledonia Thursday. Jules Lee was a Houston caller Thursday.

Mitchell Cunningham was a caller at Caledonia Thursday.

## No Loser For Him.

This one is credited to O. Henry, but he refused the two dollars. A pessimistic young man dining alone in a restaurant ordered broiled live lobster. When the waiter put in on the table it was obviously minus one claw. The pessimistic young man promptly kicked. The waiter said it was unavoidable—there had been a fight in the kitchen between two lobsters. The other one had torn off the claws of this lobster and had eaten it. The young man pushed the lobster over toward the waiter. "Take it away," he said wearily, "and bring me the winner."—Everybody's Magazine.

"Here ma," requested the boy, hurrying in from school before time; "hang my jacket up behind the stove."  
"Is it wet?"  
"No; but teacher sent me home to tell you to warm my jacket for me!"—Judge.

## SEARCH FOR WIFE IN HAPPY ENDING

SEARCHED FOR MONTH AND FINALLY LOCATES SPOUSE

## YOUNG BRIDE WAS KIDNAPPED

Husband Claims Mother-in-Law Spirited Bride of a Month Away From Hubby

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—With his bride of a month restored to him after a chase extending over two countries, Walter O. Caldwell, Jr., son of a wealthy retired merchant of Fort Smith, Ark., is on his way back to his home at Fort Worth, Tex., accompanied by his father who financed the hunt for Mrs. Caldwell.

Caldwell married Miss Pauline Porter in Fort Worth on Nov. 20, after an elopement. A message from Mrs. Porter at Dallas brought word the mother was seriously ill and the bride started to see her. Caldwell charges his mother-in-law spirited the girl away and took her to Mexico. He appealed to his father and a chase began extending to Mexico City, then back into this country. Sunday, at Desoto, Mo., Mrs. Campbell managed to telegraph her husband that she was enroute to St. Louis. The two Caldwells arrived today. When she heard they were here Mrs. Porter left her daughter, Caldwell, Sr., lost notime starting the young people back to Texas.

## BROKE RULES OF N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A statement issued by the secretary of the exchange explained the suspension of Marshall Spader & Co. yesterday as due to an investigation which revealed that the late firm of Cover, Knapp & Co. had been involved in various transactions with Marshall Spader & Co. In these transactions, the investigating committee reported Marshall Spader & Co. had violated a section of the constitution through its board members suspended today and the two members were held guilty after a hearing.

The detailed transactions causing the suspension have not been made public. Marshall Spader & Co. was organized in 1904 and have branch offices in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago and Hot Springs, Va. The firm are also members of the Produce Exchange and the Cotton Exchange.

While the board members of the firm are under suspension all their stock exchange transactions will have to be conducted through other brokerage firms.

## SALOONKEEPER IS SHOT COUNTING CASH

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—In a frenzy from two bullet wounds, Jacob Geir, a saloonkeeper, jumped through the plate glass window in the front of his saloon, ran into the street and on a street car moving at full speed. The conductor saw that the man was wounded, stopped the car and called an ambulance. Geir had been counting the money in the cash register. He stepped before the door, opening into a hallway that led to his living apartments. Someone in the hallway shot twice, wounding him in the arm and breast.

Mrs. Geir, who was in the living rooms, was frightened at the shots. She said she did not know who her husband's assailant was.

## WANTS TELLES TO FORM A CABINET

LISBON, Dec. 25.—Disappointed by Senor Beirao and Azevedo, who were commissioned by King Manuel,

to form a new Portuguese cabinet, the king asks former War Minister Telles to assume the thankless task but was again denied.

There is a bare possibility that the cabinet which former Minister of Foreign Affairs Beirao formed yesterday and then immediately deserted, owing to fear of the government's overthrow, will stay in office but the members are all desirous of keeping out of political life at the present time.

Rumors of the most ominous plots fill the city and everyone believes that a crisis is fast approaching.

## YEGGMEN SECURE STAMPS AND CASH

CARLYLE, Ill., Dec. 25.—Robbers cracked the safe in the private bank of August Beckemeyer, at Beckemeyer, four miles west of here and escaped with \$500 worth of postage stamps and \$100 cash. The explosion was not heard and the robbery not discovered until the bank was opened. The big vault was not injured, but a safe used by the village postmaster was attacked.

## MURDERER MUST HANG ON FEBRUARY

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 25.—"Bob" Smith was sentenced to hang on Feb. 12, 1909, for the murder of A. W. Brown. The murder was committed Christmas day two years ago, but by resorting to numerous technical maneuvers, Smith's attorneys have delayed the passing of sentence till now. It is believed every method of postponing execution has now been exhausted.

## ONLY TWENTY MILLION ISSUED

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Only \$20,000,000 of the \$50,000,000 capital authorized for the smelter combine, recently formed, will be issued in the immediate future, according to information in Wall street. This amount has been underwritten and the balance will be reserved for issue as the exigencies of expansion demand.

Don't charge against the brethren the coldness that you feel because you have neglected your religious duties and your God.

A many sided man should, of course, be square.

## DIAMONDS



To the multitude of holiday shoppers, to our friends and patrons who have so liberally placed their confidence in our merchandise and methods, we extend our thanks and cordially wish one and all

## A Merry Christmas

Hoping that, to all, this day may be as keenly pleasurable as this Christmas season has been to us.

## JEWELER

## SOCIETY

### CHRISTMAS HOUSE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bangsberg, 524 South Sixth street, are entertaining at a Christmas house party, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tucker and family of La Crescent, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bangsberg and family of this city.

### CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheeler of Cass street entertained at dinner today Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wheeler and children of Columbus, Wis.; Mr. G. R. Montague, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Montague, Wallace and Theodore Montague, Miss Ella Bates, Miss Marie Wheeler and Lyman Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Talley of Vine street entertained at a dinner. The guests were Miss Beck of St. Croix Falls, Miss Anna Shye, Mr. John Shye and Mr. George Shye.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Iden entertained at dinner Mrs. Iden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Applebee of Boone, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hyslop.

At Mr. H. L. Partridge's on the North side were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barber, Miss Mayme Barber, Miss Bernice Barber, Newell Barber, Mrs. Gillfillan, Mr. and Mrs. Post, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Groff, Mr. and Mrs. Partridge and Miss Norma Partridge.

At Mrs. H. E. Hickey's there will be Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Keyes and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Birdsell.

## FLAW IN GREAT \$50,000 GLASS

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 25.—The construction of the tight foot reflecting mirror on Mount Wilson, projected by Prof. Geo. E. Hale, of the solar observatory there, will be delayed for months. This was the announcement following the discovery that the 100 inch glass, the largest ever cast, contains a flaw and will have to be discarded. The flaw was discovered soon after the grinding of the glass began.

The glass was made in France and an order for another one was cabled today. The glass cost \$50,000.

## NAMES APPROVED BONDS FOR DEPOSITS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—The secretary of the treasury an-

nounces that should further deposits be made in the banks the following named bonds will be accepted as security therefor.

United States, Philippine, Porto Rico and District of Columbia bonds at par, Bonds of Hawaiian territory at ninety per cent and at the option of the secretary of the treasury, Philippine Railway company bonds and those of states, municipalities and high grade railroads, such as are legal investments for savings banks in the states of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut or New Jersey at ninety per cent of their par value. For the initial or first deposit United States bonds are required.

## WILL FIGHT A DUEL IN SLANG

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—"What tell Bill? Ain't this the limit?" Victor Moore, creator of "Young Kind" Burns has challenged Bert Leslie "King of Slang," to a duel of slang.

Moore disputes Leslie's right to the title "king." He thinks he can put over a few slang phrases himself that will put Leslie in the shade. His challenge was wired from Cincinnati and Leslie accepted from West Baden Springs.

George M. Cohan and Hattie Williams are suggested by Moore as judges, with President Roosevelt and Prof. Brander Matthews as a board of arbitration. Leslie accepted all conditions.

Moore and Leslie will both be in Chicago the first week in January. The duel will be pulled off there January 4.

## RIDERS PLANNED TO THRASH JUDGE

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 25.—Judge Jones, who is presiding at the trial of the eight night riders charged with the murder of Captain Rankin and who largely has been responsible for their prosecution, was told in court of the past plans of the night riders to thrash him.

Thomas H. Claor, aged 28, farmer and confessed night rider, told on the stand, that the riders had intended not only to thrash Judge Jones, but Attorney General Caldwell and Sld Owens, one of the owners of Reelfoot lake. The chastisement was to have taken place during a raid on Union City and Claor had been deputized to see of the three men were there and if the town was

## A BEAUTIFUL BRIDE-ELECT



MISS MARY LILLY TAYLOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The engagement of Miss Mary Lilly Taylor to Dr. Reid Hunt has just been announced. The wedding will take place in this city and will be one of the biggest social functions of the winter. Miss Taylor is being extensively entertained by the younger Washington set, with whom she is very popular.

guarded. Their plans, however, never carried.

## TO DECIDE ON BAIL IN CARMACK CASE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Judge Hart will Monday morning hand down his decision in the application for bail to Colonel and

Robin Cooper and ex-Sheriff John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of ex-Senator E. W. Carmack. The hearing was completed when the defense announced it would offer no testimony and the case was submitted without argument. The trial on the charge of murder will begin Jan. 29th.

Read Tribune want ads.

## A Merry Christmas

# ELFENBRÄU

C. & J. Michel  
Brewing Company.





JOHN C. BURNS FRUIT HOUSE



JOHN C. BURNS FRUIT HOUSE

GREEN HOUSES

SCHAEFER & ELLERS

Our fancy carnations, fine roses and choice cyclamen are beautiful presents for Christmas. Give us your order and you will be pleased with fresh flowers many days after Christmas.

La Crosse Floral Co.  
BOTH PHONES. 27th AND CASS ST.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

New York, Carmel and Vanilla in quart bricks  
ICE CREAM & BUTTER COMPANY.



Our special goal is to supply you with the best Lithia Water that can be produced. We are in the field to serve and ask you to test by trial "CROWN LITHIA WATER" and guarantee you that it will meet your ideas of quality and goodness.

N. S. BOTTLING WORKS  
901-903 ROSE STREET.  
Both Phones

Wigg—It is better to begin at the bottom of the latter. Wagg—Yes, then you won't have so far to fall.

About the only thing some men lay by for a rainy day is a borrowed umbrella.

**BIJOU THEATRE**

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
To All Our Friends and  
...Patrons...

MATINEE THIS AFTERNOON  
REGULAR PERFORMANCE  
TONIGHT

PERSONALS

FORD—The Car of Quality.  
Miss Emma Zeisler returned Tuesday from Downer college at Milwaukee to spend the holidays at her home, 1421 Main street.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women.  
Mrs. Henry Zeisler returns from Watertown yesterday, where he is attending Northwestern university, to pass the holidays at his home, 1321 Main street.

Second growth oak cord wood at \$6.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones 231.  
Victor Schulz of Chicago is in the city spending Christmas with his family. Mr. Schulz has been connected with the Chicago Journal and will go to Detroit in the interests of the auto trade upon his return.

Second growth oak cord wood at \$6.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones 231.

Mrs. Elizabeth Irish and daughter left yesterday for Elva to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Andrews of Minneapolis arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Andrews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Page.

Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.  
Mr. C. L. Meitz of Caledonia was a business caller in the city yesterday.

Dr. Morley of Viroqua visited old friends in the city yesterday.  
W. J. Larson of Mauston called on old friends in the city yesterday.

16 inch edgings for kindling, \$5.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones 231.

Frontier lodge, No. 45, F. A. M., will have a special meeting Friday evening to work in the F. C. degree.  
Mr. Cyril Fay has returned from Wisconsin university to pass the holidays with his parents.

All pine slabs at \$5.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones 231.

Marcus Anderson and Roder Maurstad of Coon Valley, were in the city on business recently.

Mrs. E. Purple and daughter, Mrs. J. F. Cance, and Miss Sophia Hall, of Galesville, were callers in town this week.

Mrs. John Mailer of this city is the guest of her son, Dr. Mailer, of Galesville.

Excellent Carriage Line. Phone 179, Gateway City Transfer Line.  
C. J. Gordon of De Soto transacted business in La Crosse Tuesday.

Mrs. S. J. Arnold of De Soto was in the city Tuesday to meet her son who is returning home from Viroqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seymour of De Soto were in town Wednesday on business, returning home Thursday.

Vern Ames is spending a few days with friends at Freeman.

Eunice Prindle of Genoa is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. M. Hanson, of this city.

Mrs. Effie Warner of this city is visiting her mother at Genoa.

Police Justice C. W. Hunt will spend Christmas with his relatives at Marshfield, Wis.

George Mueller who is with an electrical firm with headquarters in St. Paul, is visiting his parents in the city during the holidays.

Miss Harriet Fraser has returned from a two months' visit with friends and relatives in Detroit, Mich.

Miss Mildred Gilbertson is here from Chicago spending the holidays with friends and relatives.

W. E. Polleya of Lincoln, Neb., is in the city to attend the Taylor-Hoag wedding.

C. H. Peterson of the John Gund Brewing company is visiting friends and relatives in Chicago.

Frank Frye went to Madison last night to spend the holidays at home.

J. S. Stralipa has gone to Madison for a few days with E. F. Bunn.

Miss Beck of St. Croix Falls is visiting Mrs. Guy Talley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Noble are in Chicago for the holidays and will visit in Pittsburg before their return.

Obert Sletten has arrived home for the holidays.

Mrs. Miriam Congdon is in Minneapolis as the guest of her brother, D. G. Congdon, and family.

Mr. C. Wachs, 214 South Seventh street, is a Christmas visitor in his home at Wabasha.

Mark Livingstone has returned from Milwaukee to spend Christmas with his mother. He will remain in the city over Sunday.

Mrs. Lombard of Tomah is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John J. White.

J. S. Bohrer and Joseph Haws of Wexford are receiving treatment at the St. Francis hospital.

Mrs. John Ryan, of New Albin, Ia., spent Thursday in town.

Martin Collins of Wexford was in the city recently seeking medical aid.

Dr. Marshall Sorenson, a prominent young physician of Iroqua, died at the La Crosse hospital Tuesday morning, after an operation for appendicitis.

Estella Jenkins of Rockland was a La Crosse caller recently.

WEALTHY RANCHMAN SLAIN AND BURNED

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 25.—The discovery of the body of Thomas J. Welch, a wealthy merchant of Caughan, Guadalupe county, disclosed the fact that he had been robbed and murdered. His home had been burned and the body was badly charred, showing an attempt to cover up the crime. In spite of the burned condition of the body, however, a bullet hole in the head was easily discernable. Several suspects have been arrested.

More than one man believes that his argument is unanswerable when all the time it is the same sort of thing you hear when a poor brass band begins to perform.

Don't try to hide from God, who sees all men just as they are.

NOTABLES HONOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

BRYAN AMBASSADORS AND SENATORS TO SPEAK

JOSEPH CANNON THERE ALSO

He Together with Other Celebrities of National Fame Honor Memory of "Leader of Men"

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 25.—It is definitely announced that four speakers are to appear at the great celebration in this city on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, recently secured.

They are Ambassador Bryce of England, Ambassador Jessurand of France, Senator John P. Dolliver of Iowa and Wm. Jennings Bryan.

Booker T. Washington has been invited but a previous engagement will probably prevent him coming. Speaker Jos. G. Cannon writes that he will be here if he can leave his duties in Washington. A banquet with 1,000 plates is being prepared and in the afternoon a reception of contemporaries of Lincoln, including those who attended the political conventions of this day, and a church service in the building in which Lincoln worshiped, are other features now being worked out.

CRITICISES THE PANAMA CANAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—No little excitement has been caused in official circles here by the criticism of Bunan Varilla, formerly chief engineer of the Panama canal under the French regime. Mr. Varilla predicts that the great work of the Panama canal will end in disaster unless the site now proposed for the immense dam to supply the locks is changed.

Already President Roosevelt has cabled Col. G. W. Gothals, U. S. A., who is now actively in charge of the canal project, regarding the criticism of the Panama work, and wants to know the exact conditions. In the interview Mr. Varilla states that the Americans have made a great mistake in not putting through a set level canal, or if they desire the lock system that they did not use other sources where the foundations could have been solidly imbedded.

The criticism has come about by the recent washouts and sinking of the dam foundations, owing to the heavy rainfall and flood in the canal zone.

EXPECT THE HAINS JURY TO DISAGREE

FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 25.—Thornton Jenkins Hains will probably know his fate by New Year's Day. When court convenes tomorrow morning, one more witness will be heard in the attempt of the state to prove the defendant guilty of the murder of Wm. E. Annis. Then Associate Counsel Shay will make the opening statement for the defense. He will claim that Thornton

Hains had no knowledge of an attempt to be made by Captain Hains on the life of Annis; that he only drew his revolver when at attempt was made to mob the slayer of Annis; and that no criminal liability lies against him for his part in the tragedy. To prove their contention the defense will summon a large array of witnesses.

LANSING, IOWA

Arthur Kerndt came home Tuesday to spend the holidays. He has been attending the Sacred Heart college at Prairie du Chien.

Herman Roggensack and wife are visiting relatives here in this city.

Born, ao Mr. and Mrs. Will Elliott, a son.

Charles Serene came home from St. Paul, where he has been attending St. Thomas college, to stay over the holidays.

Miss Louise Boeck fell on the

Closed Today  
Clothes Tomorrow

We Wish You All

A Merry Christmas

Our Annual New Year's Greeting will be out tomorrow. One of these beautiful Calendars will be given away to every purchaser, tomorrow and all next week.

CONTINENTAL

Henry N. Boehm, Mgr.

sidewalk in front of Kerndt Bros' store Monday and broke her wrist.

Miss Genevieve Thornton is visiting home folks during the holidays.

Dr. John Saam came home from Chicago, where he has been assisting in a Presbyterian hospital.

Will McGough stopped over night in the city with his sister, Mrs. Frank Spinner, on the way to his home at Waukon from Minneapolis, where he has been the past two years.

The Misses Welma and Magdalena Reed came home Monday from Spring Grove to spend the holidays with home folks.

Otto Redo left Tuesday for West Hope, N. D., to spend Christmas with relatives there.

Miss Clara Thorsten of the Cresco city schools is visiting home folks.

John Pellihan, wife and babies, from Dubuque, are visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Mayme Lape returned home from an extended visit with Dubuque relatives.

Miss Anna Zoll is clerking in the Bee Hive and Miss Agnes Coylye in the toy department at Kerndt Bros. during the holidays.

Miss Esther Henry left Thursday

for her home in McGregor.

St. Rita's court, 637 W. C. O. F., elected the same officers for 1909 as they had. They are as follows: C. R. Mary Thornton; V. C. R., Regina Lape; R. S., Nellie Lape; F. S., Mary Holmes; treasurer, Belle Verdon; trustees, Lucy Guider, Margaret Guider, Ena Bohrer; S. C., Mary Spinner; J. C., Mary Wid; I. S., Nellie Coylye; O. S., Cassie Whalen; chaplain, Elizabeth Webber.

GIVES COTTAGE TO SALVATION ARMY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In honor of the birthday of Commander Eva Booth, of the Salvation Army which is being celebrated today, Mrs. Sarah Switzer, a wealthy New York philanthropist, has presented the army with a seventeen room cottage valued at \$20,000 at Long Beach, N. J., to be used as a fresh air home for children during the summer.

The Salvation Army will distribute dinners for 25,000 in greater New York alone tomorrow and about 10,000 packages of presents for children.

A Merry Christmas

To All Newly Made Friends  
and Patrons

From La Crosse's Latest and Immensely  
Successful Dry Goods Establishment

Nicholson-Scott Co.

418-420 MAIN ST.  
LA CROSSE, WIS.



## Xmas Eating and Drinking

The insides of the whole family from Dad to Baby got lots of hard work to do this week. CASCARETS will help them. See that every member of the family gets a CASCARET every night. This will do the work easily and naturally and save a lot of sickness and suffering later on.

Buy a 10c box CASCARETS—week's treatment—and have it handy to use every night, Xmas week.

### NOTICE

We will furnish funeral outfits at following prices:  
Bears, Carriages and Pallbearers  
Wagons \$1 each—Sundays excepted.  
Phone 102. CLARK & CLARK.

## THE ELLIOTT-LOEFFLER COMPANY

WHOLESALE  
Wines and Liquors  
Imported and Domestic Mineral Water, Ginger Ales, Club Soda, Bass Ales, Dublin Stout, Etc.

Full Line of Bar Glassware

Both Phones 195 222-224 Pearl St.

## FESSLER & DAHL



### FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS

Calls night or day promptly attended to. A lady assistant in attendance for women and children. Both phones, 110. 109 S. 3rd St.



## INVEST YOUR BUSINESS & Savings Accounts

Drafts Sold on all Parts of the World.

Deposits made prior to 5th draw interest from 1st of each month.

## RHEUMALINE FOR RHEUMATISM AT HOESCHLER'S

## THE NEW JEFFERSON HOTEL

La Crosse, Wis.

The Best \$2.00 a Day House in the State.

FRANK KOHN, Manager

## FREE STEEL AND CHEAPER LUMBER

THESE ARE CARDINAL POSSIBILITIES AS TO TARIFF

COAL MAY BE MADE FREE

To This Is Added the Probability that Philippine Sugar Will Be Relieved of Duty

TARIFF OUTLOOK.  
Lumber—Reduction.  
Steel—Probably free.  
Coal—Possibly free.  
Philippine Sugar—Free.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—For two months the interests of industrial America and of the great nations will center in the meetings of the ways and means committee of the house at which the new tariff bill will be framed.

The big problem in this bill involves the rate of duties on sugar, hides, lumber, coal, steel, wool, pottery, chemicals, laces and silks.

A new item over which there is already much contention concerns automobiles which were unknown when the Dingley law was passed and are now taxed as manufacturers of metals.

The sugar schedule is very much in the air. The Philippine end of the problem, by an informal agreement between the members of the committee and Judge Taft, will allow 300,000 tons of sugar a year to come from the islands free.

Tariff on Hides a Hot Issue.

The tariff on hides is a hot issue between the shoe manufacturers and tanners who want free hides, and the meat packers and cattle raisers of the west who are strong for a tariff. The latter amounts to about \$1 a hide. It would not be surprising if it went out of the house bill.

So many people ascribe the great advanced price of lumber to the duty of \$2 a thousand feet and a movement for the conservation of forests is so strong that a reduction of duty on that product may be accounted reasonably certain. The great complaint of the lumber men has been against the shipments of low grades from Canada to the United States.

Coal, as a fighting proposition, is a relic of ancient days.

East Against West Coal Tariff.

It is New England against the west. The Yankees want the benefit of free Nova Scotia coal. Operators of Montana and Utah declare they will be ruined if the British Columbia coal is allowed to cross the border free.

The coal producers in the middle states are willing to let Canadian coal in free if Canada will take the tariff from American coal.

The duties on steel will be reduced but chances are against it being on the free list. The argument will be made that the smaller mills need protection.

Wool and Glass in Doubt.

Wool is in doubt. Strong efforts will be made however to remove the duty on rags from which "snoddy" is made.

The glass manufacturers ask for an increase of the tariff on small sizes of glass but it is doubtful whether the committee will let it go through.

The main question as regards pottery, laces and silk is simply the prevention of under-valuation.

Tariff on Autos not to be Changed.

The tariff on high class automobiles (now taxed as manufacturers of metals) will be left at 45 per cent ad valorem. The makers of cheap machines and trucks have the argument of a new industry and higher wages, and will make an effort to keep the present rate of duty in force.

The infant industry of other tariff days were rather haughty and well dressed as they lined up before the committee at its recent hearings.

The owners of pumice stone deposits in the west and the makers of postcards asked consideration of the question on the ground that they were worthy and deserving of consideration.

### INTEREST CENTERS IN COMING DEBATE

Now that the football season is over, interest at the high school centers in the interscholastic debates which are to take place in the near future between the La Crosse, Viroqua and Sparta high schools. Although no definite date has been decided on the debates will take place during the latter part of February. The question to be taken for discussion will be: "Resolved, that in American cities, a commission system, based on the Des Moines plan is preferable to the present government by a mayor and common council."

The team selected to meet the Sparta aggregation consists of Jones, Esch and Tuteur, the three strongest speakers in the school. In the oratorical contest held last year these three young men took the first three places and with a capable team as this is the students are confident of a victory. Freehoff, Stevenson and Swennes have been chosen to defend La Crosse against Viroqua and will try and bring the laurels to the local high school in this debate. All the boys are working hard and the hopes of the student body run high toward a double victory.

### BIG BROKERS SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Marshall, Spader & Co., one of the largest stock brokerage firms in New York, were suspended for three years by the governors of the New York stock exchange.



## Scott's Emulsion

is the trademark which is on every genuine bottle of

sold in nearly all the countries of the world. Nothing equals it to build up the weak and wasted bodies of young and old.

Send this advertisement, together with name of paper in which it appears, your address and four cents to cover postage, and we will send you a "Complete Handy Atlas of the World."

SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl St., N. Y.

### COUNCILMEN ARE RELEASED ON BAIL

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Of the seven councilmen and two former bankers held for criminal contempt yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Brady on charges of bribery and conspiracy, Councilmen John F. Klein and J. C. Wasson were released on bail in the sum of \$30,000, and Councilmen Wm. Brand, Jacob Soffel, Jr., T. O. Atkinson, Hugh Ferguson and W. H. Melaney and A. A. Vilsack, former cashier, and W. W. Ramsey, former president of the German National bank, each gave bond in the sum of \$15,000.

The hearing of the accused councilmen abounded in sensations. Robert Wilson, superintendent of the Municipal league of Scranton, was the most important witness against the defendants. He told in detail the operations of the council in accepting bribes. He told of renting rooms in the Dequesne and Fort Pitt hotels, of burrowing holes through doors behind which he listened and saw while councilmen were being led into the trap, of attempting to secure a bribe for the passage of the ordinance to pave Fourth avenue with wooden blocks, which ordinance, he said, was a part of the trap into which councilmen were led by detectives. He testified that there was no difficulty in leading councilmen in the trap and declared that Wm. Brand, president of the common council, and common Councilman Klein, of the First ward, dealt not only with the men who laid the trap for them but they actually accepted \$500 in full view of witnesses concealed behind the perforated doors.

Mr. Wilson testified that Brand and Klein told in the presence of witnesses of the payment of the \$45,000 to councilmen to secure the passage of the filtration ordinance, of the deal with Ramsey and Vilsack, of the German National bank, to secure the passage of the depositaries ordinance and of other shady deals in which councilmen accepted bribes for supporting other ordinances.

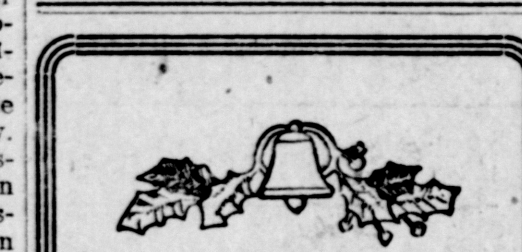
President Brand of the common council was held up in Mr. Wilson's testimony as the leader of the "big six" which Wilson testified, Brand told him controlled all legislation in council. He testified that Brand and Klein boasted that the "big six" could pass through council if those interested were ready to "put up enough money."

Mr. Wilson testified that Brand told him the members of the "big six" were Councilmen Wasson, Soffel, Klein, Atkinson, Ferguson and Melaney, and posed as their leaders. When this part of the testimony was reached, Magistrate Brady said that he had heard enough and held the men for court.

### WANDERS IN DESERT WITHOUT PROVISIONS

RENO, Nev., Dec. 25.—Alone in the desert with only a bottle of water to sustain him and the nearest human habitation thirty miles away is the fate of Joseph Rock, accused of jumping a mining claim, in the Rawhide district. A committee of vigilantes recently organized at Rawhide, put a rope around Rock's neck, escorted him to the outskirts of the town, gave him a bottle of water and told him never to return.

If the sens would only get the Merry Christmas spirit and increase the egg output it would please a good many people.



A Merry Christmas to all our Friends and Patrons

Parker Jeweler  
310 MAIN ST.  
LA CROSSE, WIS.

### PROMINENT SPARTA COUPLE WEDDED

SPARTA, Wis., Dec. 25.—The wedding of Mr. Carroll C. Ayers and Mrs. Edith McCormick was solemnized in St. John's Episcopal church at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday and was one of the society events of the week. The church was beautifully decorated and the ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives by Rev. Smith. After a wedding dinner the couple left for a wedding trip to extend through the holidays, after which they will return to Sparta to reside in their home on Water street. Floyd Ayers acted as best man and Miss Josephine Biddison was bridesmaid. Both of the young people are well known and highly respected Spartans. Mrs. Ayers was a teacher in the Sparta high school and Mr. Ayers holds a responsible position with the Bank of Sparta.

Fire Destroys Mill  
Fire of an unknown origin totally destroyed the planing mill in Cash-ton owned by H. Chase of Viroqua and operated by Henry Hall. The loss approximating \$500, was covered by only a small insurance.

Sparta Briefs  
Mrs. Emery Uruch of Peever S. D., and children came Wednesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Edwards of Cataract and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clark Hebard in Sparta.

Miss Gretchen Esch, who is attending the Columbian Art school of Chicago, is spending the holidays with her mother in this city.

Ernest Dorwin has accepted a position with the Curtis & Yale Lumber company at Wausau, Wis., as bookkeeper.

John Prill, who is attending Marquette university, came from Milwaukee to be with his parents during the holidays.

Don Lange is home from Grand Rapids for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hollinbeck and daughter, Miss Jessie, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Jensen went to La Crosse today to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westby of that city.

Mrs. E. D. Gardner, who has been visiting her brother, A. W. Tyler and family in this city for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in New Wilford, Pa. Mr. Tyler accompanied her as far as Chicago.

Ed Clough of Reedsburg comes home tonight to spend Christmas with his mother in this city.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clarke, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Zodtr, a daughter, born Monday morning.

Kerbert Owsley of Crookston, Minn., is spending the holidays with his parents in this city.

Mrs. Brad Miller was a Sparta caller on Tuesday.

Mr. Fred Lee of Briton, S. D., spent a day with his sister, Mrs. Rob. Canfield enroute to his home from Chicago.

Art Nichols underwent a serious operation for appendicitis in the city hospital Tuesday.

Hazel Wolcott, who is teaching school at Windsor, S. D., will arrive home Friday morning to spend two weeks with her parents in this city.

Theresa Hanson of La Crosse is spending the holidays in Sparta.

Misses Charlotte and Alta Schermer left for Grand Rapids Tuesday, where she will spend the holidays with her mother in that city.

Mrs. Robert Merrill, who was called to Berlow, N. D., about two months ago, owing to the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. James Atley, has arrived home accompanied by Mrs. Uttley, who is somewhat improved in health.

Hazel Wolfe will spend Christmas with her parents in La Crosse.

Mark Jones, Bennett Stiles, Harry Dongwell, Edward Strait, Edward Leverich and Lester Moss arrived home yesterday from Madison to spend the holidays. They are university students.

Mr. H. J. Masters, who has been on a trip through the west, returned home Tuesday.

Dr. W. B. Ford of Norwalk was a Sparta visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Kemp of Minneapolis are holiday visitors with their son, F. Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Schram expect their sons, Ed and John from Chicago for the holidays.

David Williams of Auburn and Miss Grace Kidney of Sparta have been granted a marriage license.

### OFFICERS OF LAW WERE ROBBER GANG

SIMCOE, Ont., Dec. 25.—A confession by Constable J. Wilkins, who lies at the hospital with four bullet wounds explains a series of burglaries which have puzzled Simcoe for the past year. Wilkins says that he committed the thefts in company with Chief of Police Matone, robbing some twenty stores and residences and dividing the loot. When the detectives got hot on their trail, Wilkins asserts, the chief on Dec. 1, for fear of exposure, lured him to the river bank, shot him four times and left him for dead.

Most of the stolen goods were found where Wilkins said they were hidden. Malone, who is awaiting trial for attempted murder, denies all Wilkins' charges.

### FRENCH STUDENTS RIOT

PARIS, Dec. 25.—A veritable battle took place today between two thousand students of the faculty of medicine and the police reserve in which a score of persons, including Prefect of Police Lepine were injured. Resentment against the recent decision of the faculty to grant first and second class diplomas was the cause. For half an hour the students assailed the police with rotten vegetables and egg stones and inkstands, and the police used the butts of their revolvers.

The rioting was finally quelled, Lepine giving orders for the police to fire if the students renewed the fighting.

### MINNESOTA AND THE NORTHWEST

## BOLD ROBBER GETS AWAY WITH GEMS

PRETENDING BUYER TAKES THE WHOLE TRAY

DASHES THRU DOOR TO BUGGY

Helena Salesman Astounded by Bold Diamond Thief—Still at Large

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 25.—One of the most daring and successful diamond robberies in the history of Helena occurred shortly after dark, when a man simulating a person with an injured face entered the jewelry store of C. B. Jacquemin & Co., the largest in the city, stole a tray of diamond rings and escaped in a buggy. There is no clue to the identity of the nifty thief.

"Purchases" Whole Stock.  
The man entered the store and said he wished to make a purchase of diamond rings and was shown the tray. He picked up one, examined it critically and then coolly informed the clerk that he guessed he would like them all, and putting the tray under his coat made a dash for the door.

He jumped into a buggy and escaped almost before the bewildered clerk could recover his wits. Half an hour later a boy, who had been given 50 cents by the fugitive, returned the buggy.

Diamonds Worth \$5,000.  
The value of the diamonds was not announced, but it is supposed to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

### LAY PLANS TO CATCH CASHIER

FORT DODGE, Iowa, Dec. 25.—The creditors of the State bank of Corwith, Iowa, met here to pay plans for the capture of John Standing, former cashier of the bank, wanted on a charge of embezzlement. They will offer a large reward for his capture, having heard that he was seen recently at El Paso, Texas.

Standing has been missing since November, 1907, since which time claims aggregating \$200,000 have been filed against the bank.

### TRAIN BANDITS CONVICTED.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 25.—In the United States court a verdict of guilty was found in the cases of Lewis and Akers, charged with conspiracy to rob the mail car on the Soo train. They were convicted as the result of Hart, one of the accomplices, turning state's evidence.

They were captured with a regular arsenal and supply of explosives in their possession just before they had intended to commit the crime.

### TRIO LOOTED STORE IS CLAIM.

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., Dec. 25.—Albert Simpson, Henry V. Layman, alias Scanlon, and Ed. McKee, who were arrested on the charge of robbing two jewelry stores at Detroit, Becker county, have been positively identified as the men who robbed the general store of Goblirsch Bros., at Perham, this county, about two weeks ago.

### OBSERVATION CAR DERAILED.

BARNESVILLE, Minn., Dec. 25.—The observation car on the Ynnipeg limited left the track while going at a lively clip three miles north of this city at an early hour. Yindows were broken and the wood work of the interior was damaged. Owing to the lateness of the hour the occupants had retired for the night and for this reason no one was hurt.

### AIRSHIP EXPO

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The first aeronautic exposition ever held was inaugurated today by President Fallieres in the Grand Palace of Fine Arts in the Champs Elysee. Air crafts of every kind were on exhibition either in the original or models. Several aeroplanes built by the Wright brothers were the center of attraction.

### DYNAMITER BEHIND BARS

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 25.—Peter Claudians, who was convicted of dynamiting the home of Jas. L. Gallagher, chief witness of the San Francisco graft prosecution, entered San Quentin prison, sentenced to spend the rest of his life within its grim gray walls.

### NEW FRISCO CHIEF

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Capt. Jesse B. Cook will become chief of police of San Francisco Saturday, succeeding the late Wm. J. Biggy. He is the only man who ever successfully conducted a crusade against Chinese gambling.

There are only two ways to guess, but a man oftener guesses wrong than right.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

## LA CROSSE THEATRE TODAY AND TOMORROW

### QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER

The Delightful New England Comedy  
Night 25-35-50-75c, \$1.00 DAILY MATINEES. Matinee Prices 50 Cents

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

LIEBLER & COMPANY'S PRODUCTION

# THE MAN FROM HOME

THE PLAY  
That Was Seen  
by  
HALF A MILLION  
People During a  
Record  
Breaking Run  
of  
342  
Performances  
in  
CHICAGO

By Booth Tarkington and Leon Williams  
THE ONLY COMPANY OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY THIS SEASON.

PRICES 25-50-75 CENTS, \$1.00 AND \$1.50

Seats Ready Monday at Miss Larson's Candy store, Theater building.

## PLUMES

Made Fresh, Bright and Clean by our

### UP-TO-DATE PROCESS

PRICES REASONABLE

## NEW YORK DYE WORKS

516 STATE ST. LA CROSSE.

## Patronize a Home Industry

The Packing House Markets. We carry in stock the choicest cuts of all kinds of meats and sausages. All U. S. Government inspected.

## LANGDON-BOYD PACKING CO.

# CALIFORNIA

Plan Your Trip Now

There you can enjoy outdoor life amidst a wealth of flowers and foliage, under sunny skies. There are many opportunities awaiting the prospective settler in this garden spot of America where the climatic and health-building conditions are ideal for establishing a home.

## The Chicago, Union Pacific & North Western Line

provides the best train service, the most interesting scenery and choice of routes. The famous electric lighted Overland Limited, electric lighted Los Angeles Limited and China & Japan Fast Mail, three fast daily trains to the Pacific Coast.

The Best of Everything  
For particulars and full information apply to  
TICKET AGENTS  
Chicago & North Western Ry.  
OLST



TRIBUNE WANTS

**Help Wanted—Male**  
WANTED—500 men to learn barber trade and take positions waiting our graduates. Few weeks complete, constant practice furnished, scholarship includes tools, instructions, demonstrations, examinations and diplomas. Write for catalogue. Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ills.  
WANTED—For U. S. Army: Able-bodied, unmarried men, between ages of 18 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, Hotel Grand, La Crosse, Wis.  
WANTED—Carpentering agents, a pleasant and profitable occupation. Fabric Imp. Co., 1605 Farnam St., La Crosse.  
WANTED—Blacksmith for general work. Steady employment and good wages for right man. Address F. H. care Tribune. 12-22-28  
WANTED—4 men to solicit in the city. Pleasant work. Salary or commission. Address, "L," General Delivery. 12-23-25  
WANTED—Farm hand, either married or single. House furnished, garden and barn. Reference required. W. T. Hartley, R. F. D. No. 3. Phone 8107 new. 12-23-08

**Help Wanted—Female**  
WANTED—Dining room girl, Eagle Hotel. 12-8-11  
WANTED—A nurse girl, 826 W. ave. So. 12-17-11  
WANTED—Girl at \$21 State St. 12-17-11  
WANTED—Girl at Henry & Frank's. 12-21-11  
WANTED—Competent cook, must be willing to go west for summer. Good wages. Mrs. W. W. Withee, 15th and Cass. 12-21-11  
WANTED—Girl to wash dishes at Wilson House, 234 So. 6th St. 12-23-25  
WANTED—A good girl at 421 So. 10th St. 12-23-11  
WANTED—Second cook, American House. 12-24-11

**For Sale**  
FOR SALE—Set of engineering books. Complete with all the Seranton School Models, very cheap if taken at once. Apply at Tribune Office.  
FOR SALE—Good second hand lumber of all kinds. Enquire at old Sawyer & Austin mill site or call up A. J. Roberts. 2211 old phone.  
FOR SALE—Old timber and one steam wood saw, 8 h. p. boiler, 6 h. p. engine. 400 Mill St., North La Crosse. John Ambrose.  
FOR SALE—A set of 12 volumes of Encyclopedia of Law. A bargain. Address, B. F. care of Tribune.  
FOR SALE—One fair size second-hand office safe. S. J. de Ranitz & Co., 205 Main St.  
FOR SALE—One very near new, second hand office safe. S. J. de Ranitz & Co., 205 Main St.  
FOR SALE—A very desirable corner lot 50x150 to an alley within five minutes' walk of the new normal school. Address P. 17, Tribune.  
FOR SALE—Good, gentle horse, weighs about 1200 lbs. Granke's Market and Transfer Line, 833 Rose. 12-10-11  
FOR SALE—Green bone meal at J. B. Knutson, 5th and Market. 12-19-18  
FOR SALE—High grade mandolin at about half price. A bargain, 313 Caledonia St. 12-19-25  
FOR SALE—700,000 brick at Dresbach Brick Yards. See us before buying elsewhere. Johnson & Baker. 12-14-29  
FOR SALE—Cheap an almost new \$350.00 Armstrong piano. Address Piano, Tribune. 12-15-11  
FOR SALE—Stock of groceries to be sold at cost and less than cost. B. Lewis, 714 La Crosse. 12-21-26  
FOR SALE—Fine upright piano, excellent tone, first class in every way, cost \$350.00. Party leaving town. Quick sale. \$250.00. New Home Sewing Machine used very little, cost \$35.00, will sell for \$14.00. Call 329 So. 5th. 12-24-25

**For Rent**  
FOR RENT—Large, pleasant furnished room, city heat. Apply 125 So. 10th. 12-24-28  
FOR RENT—6 rooms, gas and electric light. Inquire 620 Vine St. 12-7-11  
FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, modern in every way. Inquire second floor Tribune. 12-12-11  
FOR RENT—6 room house. Inquire 1243 Jackson. 12-21-11  
FOR RENT—House. Inquire 314 N. 4th. 12-22-11

**Wood Sawing**  
J. E. ALEXANDER, gasoline wood sawing, 915 So. 5th. Old phone, 2091. 12-7-11

**Coast Shipments**  
CUT RATES on household goods to Pacific Coast and other points. Superior service at reduced rates. The Boyd Transfer Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

**Financial**  
LOANS MADE SALARIED PEOPLE on furniture, pianos, horses, traps. No removal, no publicity. La Crosse Mortgage Loan Co. 223 N. 4th street. upstairs.

**Sanitary Sweeping**  
THE Sanitary Dustless Brush saves money, carpets, time and muscle. C. E. Rice, Agent, 225 So. 6th St. 12-22-28

**Insurance**  
FIRE, Tornado, Liability, Accident, Health, Plate Glass. Only first class companies represented. C. S. Van Auken, 328 Pearl Street.

**Architects, Superintendents**  
SCHICK & ROTH—Bataavia Bank Building Telephone 290.

**Magazines**  
GET our prices on magazine club offers. We can fill orders at the same prices as subscription agencies. Special offer—World's Work, Delineator and Everybody's, \$3.50. May be sent to different addresses. Mail orders promptly filled. Write for catalogue. Weis' Book Store, 509 Main St.

**Worth Dollars Costs Cents**  
DON'T be fooled. H. W. Barker's Cough Remedy will cure that awful cough and sore throat. Nothing like it. Runckel's drug store.

**Market and Transfer Line**  
GO to Granke Market for meat. Sells for cash, lowest prices, prompt delivery. Draying, storage and jobbing of all kinds, 833 Rose St. Both phones. 12-10-9.

**BANGOR, WIS.**  
Miss Mollie Merlo of Tama, Ia., is home to spend the holidays with her parents.  
Mrs. Robert Hanser and Mrs. Ida Sieler of La Crosse attended the funeral of Mrs. Jacob Wettstein Tuesday.  
Mrs. John Burr of Juno, Wis., was the guest of Mrs. John Kirchner Tuesday.  
Mr. S. R. Peck of Kenmore, N. D., is home to spend the holidays with his family.  
Mr. Roy Wakeman of Milwaukee is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wakeman.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schumacher of La Crosse attended the funeral of Jacob Wettstein.  
Miss Cecelia Mossey left Tuesday for a visit with her brother at Austin, Minn.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Harrison of Rhinelander, Wis., are visiting at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Ida Newton.  
Miss Crystal Baebler who is attending school at Detroit, Mich., came home Wednesday for the holidays.  
Miss Mabel Vaughan was called to Madison Wednesday on account of the illness of her sister, Miss Fay, who is attending school there.  
Mrs. Z. Baebler and daughter Crystal were La Crosse shoppers Thursday.  
Miss Ella Stintzi who is teaching the Burns school is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.  
John Evans was a La Crosse caller Sunday.  
Miss Ruth Blackburn of West Salem visited friends here last week.  
Mrs. Carl Kenyon, of Baraboo, Wis., is visiting relatives and friends here.  
Miss Freda Alchelo leaves Saturday for Onalaska to spend the holidays.  
Dr. E. Bryan of Iroquois, S. D., is visiting relatives here.  
D. C. Merlo of Caledonia, Wis., is visiting his parent.  
Jay Heberlein of St. Paul is visiting relatives here.  
Mr. John Spicker of St. Paul spent the past week with relatives here.

**I. O. F. AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS**  
Companion Court Bluff No. 282, I. O. F., held an election of officers at Llenlokken hall Monday evening. The following officers were chosen for 1909:  
Court Deputy—Mrs. Jeanette Robinson.  
Junior Past Chief Ranger—Anna Lee.  
Chief Ranger—Theresa Deroff.  
Vice Chief Ranger—Mary Roth.  
Recording Secretary—Anna Willey.  
Financial Secretary—Estella Willey.  
Orator—Amelia Fisher.  
Senior Woodward—Minnie Weisbecker.  
Junior Woodward—Minnie Schram.  
Senior Beadle—Mary Luedke.  
Junior Beadle—Louise Larson.  
After the election, the members were entertained by the Chief Ranger Mrs. Deroff, who also furnished refreshments.

**PERSECUTE JEWS IN FINLAND NOW**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A cablegram from Hilsverein der Deutschen Juden of Berlin to the American Jewish committee confirms the recent reports of wholesale persecution of Jews in Finland. Hundreds of families are being driven from their homes and forced to seek improvised shelter from the terrific cold. Many have frozen to death while wandering in the fields.  
The Hilsverein der Deutschen Juden is the great Jewish philanthropic organization of Germany.

WISCONSIN NEWS

WILL BUILD NEW ROAD TO CHICAGO

PARALLEL FROST LINE AND HAS GOOD FINANCING

WORK COMMENCES MONDAY

Application for Certificate of Convenience From Rate Commission Applied For

KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 25.—The old movement for the building of an electric railway to parallel the Frost lines between Chicago and Milwaukee took tangible form when the officials of the Chicago, Kenosha and Milwaukee Electric Railway company filed with the state railroad commission at Madison a request for certificate of necessity and convenience for the building of a line between the city of Kenosha and the Wisconsin state line on the south.

**Have Good Finances.**  
It is stated that the line will be part of the line running directly from Kenosha to Chicago and that the ultimate purpose of the company is to build north from Kenosha to Milwaukee. A meeting of the corporation was held in Chicago when arrangements were made for the financing of the line and it was stated by one of the officials that the financial end was absolutely taken care of and that the work over the right of way between Waukegan and Kenosha which is now owned by the company would be started next Monday.

In the meantime the company sent men to Kenosha to seek options on property for the right of way and it is said condemnation proceedings will be started if necessary. The officials of the company are:  
President—George G. Wilcox.  
Vice president—Volney Foster, Jr.  
Secretary and treasurer—Frank R. Grover.

The promoters of the line state that after reaching Waukegan the line will cut over to the west of the Northwestern tracks and run into Chicago over a straight line. They state that they have a chance of getting into the loop district over the Northwestern Elevated and several other routes. It is claimed that the line will be built without a bond issue.

CIRCUIT CLERKS TO FORM UNION

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 25.—The clerks of the circuit courts in Wisconsin are to form an association similar to the one organized some months ago by the county clerks. C. A. Worthing, clerk of the circuit court of Fond du Lac county, has sent out letters to all clerks of circuit courts asking them as to their opinion of the formation of an association and if it is favored to say whether the meeting to organize should be held in Milwaukee or Fond du Lac, Jan. 27.

CHURCH GETS \$20,000

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 25.—The will of Conway B. Daniels, who was a retired manufacturer, which

DREAMING OF SANTA CLAUS



was filed after several personal bequests leaves the balance to the First Presbyterian church of Eau Claire. The value of the estate is estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000. It is supposed the church will receive about \$20,000.

EARNING TAX LAW SUSTAINED

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 25.—The constitutionality of the state law increasing the railroad gross earnings tax from three to four per cent was upheld by the state supreme court. The decision means that the Great Northern will have to pay \$120,737 and the Chicago Great Western \$25,000 for 1907 taxes. The two roads protested against paying the tax, attacking the constitutionality of the law.

STEVEN'S POINT COUPLE MARRIED

STEVENS POINT, Wis., Dec. 25.—Prof. Frank N. Spindler, teacher of psychology at the Stevens Point normal school, and Miss Winnifred Hatch, clerk and treasurer at the school, stole a march on their friends by getting married and leaving for Chicago. The ceremony took place at the residence of President Sims.

COMMANDERY HAS CELEBRATION TODAY

The La Crosse commandery, No. 9, K. T., will give a Christmas celebration for all Masons and their families this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

GETS \$15 FOR \$20,000 SUIT

KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 25.—The long trial of the suit of Albert Johnson against the Chicago Brass company which has occupied the attention of the circuit court here for the last two weeks, ended today when the jury brought in a verdict giving Johnson net damages of \$15 provided the court holds that he can recover under the verdict. Johnson sued for \$20,000.

Every rose has its thorn and the thorn always outlasts the rose.

**QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER**

**THE BEST NEW ENGLAND PLAY EVER WRITTEN**

Opening With Matinee La Crosse Today.

DAILY MARKETS

COMPARATIVE MARKETS

These Quotations Show the General Trend of Prices for the Preceding Week.

**LIVESTOCK YESTERDAY**  
UNION STOCK YARDS, Dec. 24.  
Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; market strong, 10c higher. Prime beefs, \$5.25 to \$7.70; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$4.15; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.80; cows and heifers, \$2.70 to \$4.85; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.70; Texans, \$2.30 to \$4.70.  
Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; market 10c higher. Light, \$4.95 to \$5.70; rough, \$5.35 to \$5.55; mixed, \$5.35 to \$5.90; heavy, \$5.55 to \$5.95; pigs, \$3.85 to \$4.90.  
Sheep—Receipts, 6,000; market strong, 10c higher. Native sheep, \$2.60 to \$5; western sheep, \$2.60 to \$5; native lambs, \$4.50 to \$7.70; western lambs, \$4.75 to \$7.75.

**LIVESTOCK A WEEK AGO**  
UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; estimated for tomorrow, 3,000; market steady; prime beefs, \$5.20 to \$7.70; poor to medium, \$3.40 to \$5.10; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.60; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$4.75; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.60; Texans, \$2.30 to \$4.60.  
Hogs—Receipts, 35,000; estimated for tomorrow, 30,000; market opened 5 to 10c higher, closed weak; light, \$4.80 to \$5.55; rough, \$5.20 to \$5.40; mixed, \$5.20 to \$5.80; heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.85; pigs, \$3.70 to \$4.80.  
Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; estimated receipts for tomorrow, 10,000; market 10 to 20c lower; native sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.60; western sheep, \$2.70 to \$4.60; native lambs, \$4.25 to \$7.15; western lambs, \$4.25 to \$7.20.

**GRAIN**  
Yesterday, Week Ago.  
WHEAT  
Dec. . . . . 102 1/4 100 3/4  
May . . . . . 106 3/4 104 3/4  
July . . . . . 98 3/4 97 1/4  
CORN  
Dec. . . . . 57 1/2 57 3/4  
May . . . . . 60 3/4 61 1/4  
July . . . . . 60 3/4 61 3/4  
OATS  
Dec. . . . . 49 5/8 . . . . .  
May . . . . . 51 1/2 52 1/2  
July . . . . . 46 3/4 46 3/4

**LOCAL MARKETS**  
(Quoted by C. Burns.)  
N. Y. apples, barrel . . . . . \$4.50  
New York greenings, bbl. . . . . \$3.00  
Washington box apples . . . . . \$1.75 @ 2.25  
Cranberries, Jerseys, bbl. . . . . \$14.00  
Cranberries, Wis., barrel . . . . . \$10.00  
Chestnuts, per lb. . . . . 10c  
Lemons, 360 size . . . . . \$3.50  
Cabbages, doz. . . . . 60c  
Potatoes, bushel . . . . . 70c  
Winter Nellis pears, box . . . . . \$2.60  
Florida oranges, 200, 216 box . . . . . \$3.25  
California navel . . . . . \$3.25  
Bananas, Jumbos . . . . . \$2.00 @ 2.50  
Celery, Michigan, 10 doz case . . . . . \$5.00  
Sweet potatoes, bbl. . . . . \$5.00  
Hickory nuts, bu. . . . . \$2.00  
Onions, red globe, per bu. . . . . 65c  
Figs, Cal., 12 pkgs. . . . . 85c  
Dates Hollowell, 60 lb. box, lb. 6 3/4c  
Oysters, per gallon . . . . . \$1.10

**Flour and Feed**  
(Quoted by the Listman Milling Co.)  
Flour.  
Patent, per barrel . . . . . \$5.40  
Straight, per barrel . . . . . \$5.20  
Mill Feed.  
Bran, per ton . . . . . \$21.00  
Shorts, per ton . . . . . \$22.00  
White middlings, per ton . . . . . \$24.00  
Red Dog, per ton . . . . . \$26.00  
(Prices do not include sacks.)

**Cheese**  
(Quoted by Ice Cream & Butter Co.)  
Full Cream Twins . . . . . 14 @ 15c  
Full Cream Daisies . . . . . 14 @ 15c  
Full Cream Young Americas . . . . . 15c  
Full Cream Long Horns . . . . . 15c  
Full Cream, 10 lb. print . . . . . 15c  
Full Cream Limberger . . . . . 15c  
Full Cream round Swiss . . . . . 16c  
Full Cream Block Swiss (5 and 6 to a box, weighing 25-35 lbs. each) . . . . . 15c  
Creamery butter . . . . . 31c

**Grain**  
(Quoted by Thomas & Phalon.)  
Wheat . . . . . 85 @ 90c  
Rye . . . . . 62 @ 64c  
Barley . . . . . 55 @ 57c  
Oats . . . . . 43 @ 45c  
Corn, new . . . . . 55c

**Livestock**  
(By Langdon-Boyd Packing Co.)  
Hogs . . . . . \$4.00 @ \$5.00  
Steers . . . . . \$2.50 @ \$3.50  
Heifers . . . . . \$2.00 @ \$2.75  
Cows . . . . . \$1.50 @ \$2.50  
Lambs . . . . . \$3.00 @ \$4.00  
Sheep . . . . . \$2.00 @ \$3.00

**Poultry**  
Old chickens . . . . . 6c  
Spring chickens, lb . . . . . 9c  
Turkeys, pound . . . . . 12 @ 14c  
Ducks . . . . . 8c  
Geese . . . . . 7c

**Provisions**  
Lard, per lb . . . . . 12 1/2 @ 13c  
Hams . . . . . 12 @ 13c  
Shoulders . . . . . 9c  
Bacon . . . . . 14 @ 15c  
Dry Beef . . . . . 20 @ 22c

**Butter and Eggs**  
(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)  
Creamery, per lb . . . . . 31 @ 33c  
Dairy, per pound . . . . . 26 @ 28c  
Eggs, fresh dozen . . . . . 30c  
Eggs, storage, dozen . . . . . 28c  
Lggs, seconds . . . . . 24c

**(Quoted by City Sales.)**  
Hay, wild, per ton . . . . . \$6.00 @ \$7.00  
Second growth oak . . . . . \$6.00  
Bottom wood, cord . . . . . \$6.00  
Hay, tame, per ton . . . . . \$8 @ \$9  
Pine wood . . . . . \$6 @ \$9  
Dry wood cord . . . . . \$6.00  
Old oak . . . . . \$5.00 @ \$6.00

BATHHOUSE JOHN BURSTS INTO VERSE

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—When a jury in Judge Newcomer's court today acquitted John J. Coughlin, otherwise "Bathhouse John," alderman from the First ward, of the charge of assaulting a newspaper photographer, the alderman's relief moved him to an outburst of verse.

As his admirers crowded about him in the courtroom to express their congratulations, Mr. Coughlin drew from his pocket a manuscript and read to the crowd the following touching ditty:

"No haughty gesture marks his gait;  
"No pompous tone his words;  
"He'll suit his bearings to the hours,  
"Laugh, listen, learn and teach.  
"With joyous freedom in his mirth,  
"And candor in his speech.  
"Speak of me kindly wherever you dwell.  
"Speak as you find me.  
"Only the truth to tell,  
"Speak of me truly.  
"True hearts never rebel.  
"Always declare yourself bravely,  
"And all will be well."  
"Fine poetry, John," quoth a listener.

"Why, it's dead easy," retorted Bathhouse. "Here's another one I wrote:

"Baby in her sleep, the mother watches o'er,  
"With love so deep watching the first she bore,  
"Praying to God above that in life's path be no thorn,  
"No one knows a mother's love, love for her first born."

"My, John, you got a lot more poetry in that one than you did in the other," commented an auditor.

PREVENT EMBASSY BECOMING REFUGE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—The Turkish embassy in Teheran is virtually besieged by the shah's troops to prevent the embassy quarters from being used as a further asylum to Liberal refugees, the Turkish charge d'affaires wired today.

The charge d'affaires says that he protested to the shah against this insult last Monday and the Persian was lifted. Later, however, the cordon of soldiers was again thrown around the embassy and all subsequent complaints have been ignored.

In anticipation of some startling coup by the shah, the liberal element is crowding into the other embassies, pleading for protection against the threatened retaliatory measures.

The shah is reported as being in a savage mood over the rumors that the reformers would attempt to force his deposition. He is strengthening his army as best he can and it would not surprise this city to hear at any moment that the shah had resorted to shot and bayonet to check the discontent in the Persian capital.

The investigation of the police into the attempt to break into the palace of Roshad Effendi, the heir to the throne, on last Wednesday, is said to center mysteriously around the sultan himself, whose jealousy of Roshad he cannot conceal.

ARTIST'S WIFE SEEKS DEATH AND SUICIDE

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—After attempting to kill her fifteen months old boy with poison, Mrs. Jos. Kratzner, wife of an artist living in a fashionable quarter, swallowed corrosive sublimate. Both mother and child are believed to be dying.

Melancholia is the only cause the police can discover for the woman's action. After she was revived by physicians she told them when she concluded to end her own life, believing the child could not be happy without her, decided to kill it also. She thought the child was dead, she said, when she swallowed the poison.

TRANSIENT DEALERS HIT

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 25.—The council passed a resolution providing that transient merchants pay a license fee of \$25 a day. The action was precipitated by the sojourn of a representative of a St. Paul fur dealer at a local hotel who came here from Madison.

**A Reason.**  
"Maudie has lots of strings to her bow."  
"Yes, but she doesn't seem to be able to get a knot tied."—New York Herald.




The  
La  
Crosse

TR  
IB  
UNE



We Wish You A  
**Merry Christmas**

BAKER NIEBUHR Plumbers 5th and Jay Streets	C. F. & L. RUNKEL Drugists 124 S. 5th Street		
BERGH PIANO CO. Musical Instruments 4th and Jay Streets	NELS THOMPSON Clothier 133 S. 4th Street		
BATCHELDER & SON Shoes 303 Main Street	ELECTRIC SUPPLY & CONSTRUCTION CO. 227 Main Street	A. & C. JOHNSON Pictures & Decorating. 221 Main St.	A. A. LIESENFELD Printing. 209 Main Street.
NELSON'S Happy Home Furnishers. 206-208 Main Street.	S. GANTERT Furniture & Rug House 110-12-14 S. 3rd St.	M. & C. NEWBURG Clothiers. Cor. 3rd and Pearl Street.	CHAS. BEYSCHLAG Druggist, 503 Main Street.
<i>The</i> FASHION SHOP The Exclusive Garment Store. 535 Main St. Opposite Cathedral. REIMAN & TORDT.	La Crosse  Works Haberdashery--Hats. 526 Main Street.	BOYER-FURBER FURNITURE CO. 511-513 Main Street.	PETER NEWBURG. Clothing. 324-326 Pearl Street.
O. T. ERHART Druggist. 431 Main Street.	REITZEL'S Department Store 409-11-13 Main St.	WESTBY CLOTHING CO. 115, 117 S. 4th Street	GAUTSCH-ROTH Shoes 524 Main Street
J. E. GEIWITZ Jeweler 500, 502 Main, Cor. 5th St.	E. M. YOUNG Druggist 301 Main Street	GEO. E. MARINER Pharmacist, 425 Main Street.	FRED LEITHOLD'S Music Center of La Crosse. 325 Main St.
S. J. de Ranitz & Co. The Exclusive Office Supply Store 205 Main St.	CHAS. WEIS Books and Stationary 509 Main St.	MERRY CHRISTMAS <i>The</i> Quincy Adams Sawyer Co.	BILL SKINNER 